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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The purposes of this study were to analyze recent transaction and revenue trends on the West Virginia Turnpike (Turnpike) and to develop traffic and revenue forecasts for the Turnpike under current toll rates and schedules, as well as under various increased levels of passenger car and commercial vehicle toll rates. The study developed and analyzed a number of toll increase scenarios (for example, a Base Case of no increase, 20 percent increase, 40 percent increase, 60 percent increase and 80 percent increase) using different levels of discounts. Several of the toll increase scenarios examined the impact on traffic and revenue of instituting a discount for West Virginia E-ZPass patrons at different levels (for example, 0 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent and 25 percent WV E-ZPass discount levels) while continuing the West Virginia Parkway, Economic Development and Tourism Authority's (Authority's) existing commuter discount for passenger (Class 1) vehicles under its Parkways Authority Commuter Card (PACC) program. Under the Authority's enabling legislation, any proposed toll increase must be accompanied by a discount program for all classes of vehicles that establish an E-ZPass account with the Authority (this requirement does not apply to E-ZPass subscribers whose accounts are based in other states). Because the Authority intends to continue its PACC commuter discount program, under all toll and discount scenarios studied, the PACC commuter discount program was assumed to continue under the current rate structure with no increases.

Financial analysis of the different toll and discount scenarios also was undertaken in order to determine the smallest toll increase in combination with the largest toll discount for West Virginia E-ZPass customers that is estimated to produce enough annual revenue to meet the total needs of the Authority with respect to the Turnpike.

In regard to those needs, the Authority's Consulting Engineer, HNTB provided estimates of yearly operating expenses, renewal and replacement requirements (R&R), and essential deferred maintenance and capital needs. These revenue needs, along with the annual debt service requirements from the Official Statement dated June 25, 2008 provided by the Authority, were used to assess how the projected annual revenue stream of each toll/discount scenario would perform against the total needs of the Authority. A summary of the needs is shown in Table ES-1.

Table ES-1
Summary of Estimated Debt Service, Operating Expenses, Renewal and Replacement Requirements, and Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority

(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Operating Expense (1)	Total Debt Service (2)	Base Case (No Toll Increase)		Toll Increase Scenarios	
			Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (1)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (1) (3)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (1)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (1)
2010	\$33,003	\$10,389	\$11,743	-	\$8,743	\$20,010
2011	33,885	10,720	13,796	-	8,040	21,960
2012	34,797	10,401	15,994	-	7,837	24,036
2013	35,740	10,808	19,775	-	7,859	24,523
2014	36,666	10,458	23,714	-	8,482	24,817
2015	37,726	10,717	27,225	-	9,156	24,562
2016	38,720	10,769	31,874	-	9,151	25,544
2017	39,851	10,677	35,670	-	9,133	26,566
2018	40,971	10,719	39,618	-	9,099	27,924
2019	42,129	10,739	43,724	-	9,052	28,439

(1) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(2) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(3) Because there would be insufficient funds under the Base Case scenario to meet R&R requirements plus Operating Expenses and Debt Service, if there is no toll increase there would not be any funding for Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs. As a result, the R&R requirements would escalate significantly over time under the Base Case.

A detailed comparison was then performed, i.e., to compare toll revenue and total revenue needs for the Base Case (no toll increase) and each other toll increase scenario. See Table 4-8 on page 4-14 of the full report, which summarizes these comparisons. Operating expenses are the same for each toll scenario, and are subtracted from total revenue, resulting in the Net Turnpike Revenue values shown in the table. Net Turnpike revenue values shown in red text and italicized indicate insufficient revenues to meet total debt service, R&R, and essential deferred maintenance and capital needs. The scenarios which display net Turnpike toll revenue in unitalicized, black text would be expected to meet the total revenue needs of the Turnpike.

Based on the debt service coverage requirements of the Indenture, the 60 percent toll increase scenarios (Scenarios C, C1 and C2) and 80 percent toll increase scenarios (Scenarios D, D1 and D2) would provide sufficient revenue to meet the total annual needs of the Authority. The Base Case and the A, B, B1 and B2 toll increase scenarios would not provide sufficient annual toll revenue to meet the total needs of the Authority.

Among those scenarios (Scenarios C, C1, C2, D, D1 and D2) that are estimated to produce enough annual revenue to meet the total needs of the Authority, Scenario C2 provides for the smallest toll increase in combination with the largest toll discount for West Virginia E-ZPass customers.

It is for this reason that Scenario C2 appears to us to be the best choice for the Authority in terms of meeting its revenue needs through fiscal year 2019. If this report is accepted by the Authority, Scenario C2 would be our recommended schedule of tolls and discounts to meet the referenced needs of the Authority.

That schedule of tolls and discounts is set forth on Table ES-2 on the next page. It combines a 60 percent increase with a 25 percent West Virginia E-ZPass discount and continuation of the existing PACC commuter discount program for passenger (Class 1) vehicles without any increase in PACC charge.

Table ES-3 on the page immediately following Table ES-2 summarizes the projected Turnpike toll revenue for fiscal years 2010 - 2019 if the Authority adopted that combination of tolls and discounts. AS SHOWN ON TABLE ES-3, THAT COMBINATION OF TOLLS AND DISCOUNTS IS ESTIMATED TO BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET ALL THE NEEDS OF THE TURNPIKE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010 - 2019.

Table ES-2
Recommended New Toll Schedule
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority

Toll Class	Vehicle Type	Number of Axles	Barriers A, B, C		North Beckley	
			Base Toll	WV E-ZPass	Base Toll	WV E-ZPass
1	Passenger cars/pickup trucks (under 7' 6")	2	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$0.40	\$0.30
2	All Class 1 vehicles with a trailer (under 7' 6")	3+	2.50	1.88	0.80	0.60
3	Motorhomes Only (over 7' 6")	2-3	2.50	1.88	0.80	0.60
4	Class 3 vehicles with a trailer (over 7' 6")	3+	3.25	2.44	1.20	0.90
5	2-axle trucks	2	3.25	2.44	0.80	0.60
6	3-axle trucks	3	4.50	3.38	1.20	0.90
7	4-axle trucks	4	6.50	4.88	1.60	1.20
8	5-axle trucks	5	6.75	5.06	1.60	1.20
9	6-or-more-axle trucks	6+	9.50	7.13	2.40	1.80
10	Oversize trucks		12.00	9.00	7.20	5.40
PACC Rate						
Quarterly Cost* per Mainline Barrier (A, B, C)						
Passenger car only			\$25.00	-	\$5.00	-

* Subscribers receive a 5 percent discount per mainline barrier when paying for an entire year upfront.

Table ES-3
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario C2 (60 percent increase, 25 percent WV E-ZPass discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$73,072	\$33,003	\$40,069	\$10,389	3.86	\$8,743	2.09	\$20,010	1.02	\$927
2011	75,165	33,885	41,280	10,720	3.85	8,040	2.20	21,960	1.01	560
2012	78,023	34,797	43,226	10,401	4.16	7,837	2.37	24,036	1.02	952
2013	80,439	35,740	44,699	10,808	4.14	7,859	2.39	24,523	1.03	1,509
2014	82,560	36,666	45,894	10,458	4.39	8,482	2.42	24,817	1.05	2,137
2015	84,141	37,726	46,415	10,717	4.33	9,156	2.34	24,562	1.04	1,980
2016	85,753	38,720	47,033	10,769	4.37	9,151	2.36	25,544	1.03	1,569
2017	87,398	39,851	47,547	10,677	4.45	9,133	2.40	26,566	1.03	1,171
2018	88,988	40,971	48,017	10,719	4.48	9,099	2.42	27,924	1.01	275
2019	90,609	42,129	48,480	10,739	4.51	9,052	2.45	28,439	1.01	250

(1) Revenue is based on a 60 percent toll increase for all vehicles, with a 25 percent West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + Backlog of Essential Needs).

LAST PERMANENT TOLL RATE INCREASE - 1981

Toll revenue increases on the Turnpike have only occurred as a result of normal traffic growth since the last permanent rate increase in 1981.⁽¹⁾ The Authority anticipates additional revenue needs in the coming years for the purposes of meeting Turnpike revenue bond debt service coverage requirements and addressing and curtailing the essential portion of the Authority's backlog of deferred maintenance and capital needs for the Turnpike. Under current toll rates and schedules, the Authority anticipates a revenue shortfall in future fiscal years, and that some level of rate adjustment will be necessary to accommodate these needs.

BASIS OF ANTICIPATED TOLL REVENUE AND NEEDS; STUDY APPROACH

The Authority's anticipated toll revenue and needs are based on:

- The Authority's projected Turnpike revenue refunding bond debt service for fiscal years ending 2010 through 2019 (see Appendix A of the full report);
- The findings, recommendations and projections certified by the Authority's Consulting Engineer (HNTB Corporation) in its April 2009 report (Consulting Engineer's Report) as to the annual amounts the Authority needs to spend in each fiscal year for (i) essential work on and curtailment of the backlog of deferred Turnpike maintenance and capital needs that must be addressed in each such year in the Consulting Engineer's professional opinion (Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs), (ii) Turnpike Operating Expenses and (iii) Renewal and Replacement (R&R) requirements;
- Recent traffic and toll revenue declines during the national and global recession, which are considered in this study; and,
- Projected Turnpike traffic and toll revenue set forth in this study if current toll rates and schedules continued in effect for fiscal years 2010 through and including 2019.

This 2009 study provides a new baseline traffic and revenue forecast (under existing toll rates) in consideration of recent traffic and revenue

⁽¹⁾ Rates were reclassified in 2000 with the implementation of E-ZPass, but the net effect was generally revenue-neutral.

trends and the continued national and global recessions. The study then evaluates a number of toll increase scenarios and provides a comparison of the estimated revenue generated for each scenario against Turnpike bond debt service for fiscal years ending 2010 through 2019 and estimated annual needs for (i) Turnpike operating expenses, (ii) R&R, and (iii) essential deferred maintenance and capital needs.

The scope of work for this study included: data collection and mobilization; an assessment of recent transaction and revenue and socioeconomic trends and expected future growth; development of annual transaction and revenue estimates; and study documentation.

HISTORICAL TRAFFIC AND REVENUE TRENDS

After consistent growth throughout the 1990s, traffic and revenue on the Turnpike have been fairly stable throughout the early 2000s, and have declined in recent years. Growth patterns between passenger cars and commercial vehicles have varied markedly. Passenger car transactions peaked in FY 2004 at 27.4 million, and have decreased in three of the past four years since that peak. Commercial vehicle transactions peaked in FY 2006 at 8.4 million, but have declined sharply since then, recording a 3 percent drop between FY 2007 and FY 2008. Commercial vehicle transactions increased at an average annual rate of 0.9 percent between FY 2004 and FY 2008. Because commercial vehicles account for over half of overall revenue in spite of representing only about one fifth of overall transactions, this increase in transactions was almost enough to negate the revenue loss resulting from a 0.9 percent average annual decline in passenger car transactions. Overall, total revenue declined at an average annual rate of 0.2 percent over the past four fiscal years on the Turnpike where, according to the findings of the 2005 travel survey, 54 percent of total Turnpike transactions and 76 percent of total revenue come from vehicles registered outside West Virginia. Table ES-4 presents the recent trend in passenger car and commercial vehicle transactions and revenues.

In recent months, patterns have become more erratic, reflecting sharp fluctuations in fuel prices in 2008, and the subsequent economic recession. Monthly passenger car transactions declined for eight straight months over prior year numbers beginning in April 2008. Among commercial vehicles, monthly year-over-year declines began in FY 2007 and accelerated in 2008.

Table ES-4
Average Annual Growth, FY 2004 through FY 2008
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism
Authority

Vehicle Type	Average Annual Growth	
	Transactions	Revenue
Passenger Vehicles	-0.9%	-1.2%
Commercial Vehicles	0.9	0.7
Average	-0.5	-0.2

Over the first eight months of FY 2009, total passenger car transactions declined by 2.4 percent over the prior year, and revenues were down 2.5 percent. Beginning in December 2008, however, passenger vehicle transactions have returned to positive growth compared with the same months of the prior year, with monthly growth rates ranging between 5 and 10 percent. Among commercial vehicles, total transactions declined by 10.1 percent, and revenues by 10.4 percent. Unlike passenger cars, this trend has continued through the most recent months, with year-over-year declines peaking in January 2009, which saw a 19 percent drop in transactions over January 2008. The recession has intensified during the last three months and has particularly impacted commercial vehicle traffic.

SOCIOECONOMIC TRENDS

As part of this study, WSA reviewed national and regional socioeconomic indicators that may have influenced traffic growth on the West Virginia Turnpike in the past and which may continue to do so in the future. As traffic on the West Virginia Turnpike is regional in nature, rather than predominately influenced by local users only (according to a 2005 travel survey conducted by WSA in 2005, less than half of all motorists making trips during a typical weekday have vehicles registered in West Virginia), it is relevant to consider not only West Virginia and the counties buffering the Turnpike, but also the surrounding region. Because of the preponderance of out-of-state travelers on the Turnpike, the socioeconomic analysis conducted for this study also examines the states of Kentucky, Ohio, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, which collectively account for over three fourths of weekday Turnpike trips.

The analysis for this report accordingly addressed and considered population trends, employment and unemployment trends, recent trends in retail sales, household income, gross regional product, and fuel prices. For further discussion of WSA's analysis of socioeconomic factors and measures, please see Chapter 3 of the full report.

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC AND REVENUE

TOLL SENSITIVITY

A toll sensitivity analysis was conducted for the Turnpike as part of the WSA 2005 Traffic and Revenue Study. The toll sensitivity traffic retention factors from that study were felt appropriate to use in this study since no new trip information exists to suggest that travel patterns have significantly changed or that retention factors would be different. Using these traffic retention factors, the current analysis indicated that total toll revenue will increase enough to offset traffic losses due to higher toll rates. For example, a 60 percent increase in the average toll rates would result in a decline in traffic of approximately 10 percent, and a 42 percent realization (gain) in total revenue. If existing tolls were increased by 120 percent, the analysis indicates that the revenue realization would be 74 percent, with an 18 percent decrease in traffic. Retention rates are similar for passenger cars and commercial vehicles.

BASE CASE AND TOLL INCREASE SCENARIOS

A range of traffic and revenue forecasts were prepared based on the sensitivities indicated in the previous section. Table ES-5 shows the toll rate assumptions for each scenario. A Base Case forecast was developed that assumed the current toll rate structure remained. In addition, 10 toll increase scenarios were developed that included variations on the amount of a discount that would be provided to West Virginia E-ZPass customers. For all scenarios, PACC fees were assumed to remain unchanged.

Cash rates were rounded to the nearest \$0.25 at the mainline toll plazas and to the nearest \$0.05 at the Beckley ramp plaza. Any discount for West Virginia E-ZPass customers was applied to the rounded toll rate and then rounded to the nearest penny. For example, under Scenario A, a 2-axle passenger vehicle paying with cash or using a non-West Virginia E-ZPass transponder would see their toll rate increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50 at each of the mainline plazas. A 10 percent toll rate discount for West Virginia E-ZPass customers would result in their toll rate increasing from \$1.25 to \$1.35.

Table ES-5
Toll Scenarios Analyzed
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism
Authority

<u>Scenario</u>	<u>Percent Toll Increase</u>	<u>West Virginia E-ZPass Percent Discount</u>
Base	0	0
A	20 Cars / 30 Trucks	10
B	40	0
B1	40	15
B2	40	25
C	60	0
C1	60	15
C2	60	25
D	80	0
D1	80	15
D2	80	25

No increase in PACC fees for all scenarios.

TOLL INCREASE SCENARIOS' IMPACTS ON FORECASTED TRAFFIC AND REVENUE

Table ES-6 presents the long-term forecast of revenue for the Base Case and each toll increase scenario for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2025. We have assumed that any toll increase would be implemented on July 1, 2009, the beginning of the FY 2010. As previously stated, PACC rates were unchanged under all scenarios.

The Base Case would result in the lowest revenue levels, reaching an estimated \$73.2 million by 2025, and Scenario D results in the highest, reaching an estimated \$112.0 million by 2025. Toll increase scenarios showing a no discount policy were evaluated to illustrate the potential cost of such discounts. No-discount toll increase scenarios would not actually be permitted under the Authority's enabling legislation.

The analysis includes an estimate of the number of cash and non-West Virginia E-ZPass customers that would shift to PACC or West Virginia E-ZPass programs for each toll increase scenario. This assumption reflects

Table ES-6
Annual Revenue Forecast, FY 2009 through FY 2025
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority

Thousands of Dollars

Scenario	Base		A		B		B1		B2		C		C1		C2		D		D1		D2	
	0%	No Discount	20% Cars / 30% Trucks		40%		40%		40%		60%		60%		60%		80%		80%		80%	
			10%		No Discount		5.0%		6.0%		No Discount		15%		25%		No Discount		15%		25%	
Nominal Base Toll Increase																						
WV E-ZPass Discount																						
Shift to Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) (1)																						
FY 2009	\$53,008		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	
FY 2010	53,268		\$62,739		\$69,149		\$68,206		\$67,513		\$74,751		\$73,853		\$73,072		\$81,355		\$80,288		\$79,534	
FY 2011	54,798		64,563		71,146		70,169		69,450		76,904		75,974		75,165		83,710		82,604		81,823	
FY 2012	56,887		67,047		73,870		72,847		72,095		79,843		78,870		78,023		86,921		85,764		84,947	
FY 2013	58,653		69,146		76,172		75,111		74,331		82,327		81,318		80,439		89,634		88,434		87,587	
FY 2014	60,203		70,993		78,196		77,099		76,294		84,509		83,467		82,560		92,020		90,780		89,906	
FY 2015	61,358		72,363		79,700		78,579		77,757		86,132		85,068		84,141		93,791		92,525		91,632	
FY 2016	62,536		73,760		81,234		80,089		79,248		87,788		86,700		85,753		95,599		94,305		93,393	
FY 2017	63,737		75,186		82,799		81,628		80,770		89,477		88,365		87,398		97,443		96,120		95,188	
FY 2018	64,898		76,565		84,312		83,118		82,241		91,110		89,976		88,988		99,226		97,877		96,925	
FY 2019	66,082		77,971		85,855		84,635		83,740		92,775		91,617		90,609		101,044		99,666		98,695	
FY 2020	67,289		79,404		87,428		86,182		85,269		94,472		93,290		92,260		102,897		101,490		100,499	
FY 2021	68,452		80,786		88,943		87,673		86,741		96,107		94,902		93,852		104,683		103,248		102,238	
FY 2022	69,635		82,193		90,486		89,191		88,240		97,772		96,543		95,472		106,502		105,038		104,008	
FY 2023	70,841		83,625		92,058		90,736		89,767		99,468		98,214		97,121		108,354		106,861		105,810	
FY 2024	72,011		85,016		93,584		92,237		91,249		101,114		99,836		98,723		110,152		108,631		107,560	
FY 2025	73,202		86,432		95,136		93,763		92,757		102,789		101,487		100,353		111,982		110,432		109,341	

(1) Shift to ETC includes current cash and non-West Virginia E-ZPass customers that are expected to shift to West Virginia E-ZPass or the PACC program as a result of the toll increases and related discount programs.

the increasing price differential between the PACC program and paying cash for each transaction, which reduces the number of trips needed under PACC to “break even,” thereby making the PACC program more desirable for those who currently do not participate. Under the scenarios in which a discount is offered to West Virginia E-ZPass customers, some cash and non-West Virginia E-ZPass users would presumably shift to West Virginia E-ZPass to take advantage of ongoing discounts. The shift to PACC and E-ZPass is assumed to be greater as the price differentials among base rates, West Virginia E-ZPass, and PACC rates increase.

RESULT OF FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF TOLLING ALTERNATIVES

Estimates of yearly operating expenses, renewal and replacement requirements (R&R), and essential deferred maintenance and capital needs were provided by the Authority’s Consulting Engineer, HNTB. These revenue needs, along with the annual debt service requirements from the Official Statement dated June 25, 2008 provided by the Authority, were used to assess how the projected annual revenue stream of each toll scenario would perform against the total needs of the Authority.

A summary of the needs is shown in Table ES-1. Based on the debt service coverage requirements of the Indenture, the 60 percent and 80 percent toll increase scenarios would provide sufficient revenue to meet the total annual needs of the Authority. The Base Case and toll increase scenarios A, B, B1 and B2 would not provide sufficient annual toll revenue to meet the total needs of the Authority.

Among those toll increase and discount scenarios that are estimated to produce enough annual revenue to meet the total needs of the Authority (the 60 percent and 80 percent toll increase scenarios – C, C1, C2, D, D1 and D2), Scenario C2 provides for the smallest toll increase in combination with the largest toll discount for West Virginia EZ-Pass customers.

It is for this reason that Scenario C2 appears to us to be the best choice for the Authority in terms of meeting its revenue needs for fiscal year 2010 through fiscal year 2019.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE OF WORK

The West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority (the Authority) anticipates additional revenue needs in the coming years for the purposes of meeting Turnpike revenue bond debt service coverage requirements and addressing and curtailing the essential portion of the Authority's backlog of deferred maintenance and capital needs for the West Virginia Turnpike (Turnpike). Under current toll rates and schedules, the Authority anticipates a significant annual revenue shortfall in future fiscal years, and that some combination of rate adjustment and discount will be necessary to accommodate these needs. Toll revenue increases on the Turnpike have only occurred as a result of normal traffic growth since the Authority has not instituted a permanent rate increase since 1981.⁽¹⁾

The primary purposes of this study were:

- (1) To analyze recent transaction and toll revenue trends and develop traffic and toll revenue forecasts for the Turnpike in fiscal years 2009 through 2025 under current toll rates and schedules (Base Case); and
- (2) To develop traffic and toll revenue forecasts for the Turnpike under various increased levels of passenger car and commercial vehicle toll rates, and to evaluate the impact of a West Virginia E-ZPass Discount program and continuation of the Parkways Authority Commuter Card (PACC) discount program. The forecasts include estimates of the number of customers that would shift from cash and non-West Virginia E-ZPass to West Virginia E-ZPass and/or the PACC program, and the number of vehicles that would stop using the Turnpike and divert to a different route, at different toll increase levels.

The last formal update of Turnpike traffic and toll revenue estimates occurred in December 2008. A comprehensive traffic and revenue study was performed in 2005. Between those two studies, an additional study was completed in June 2008.

⁽¹⁾ The Authority reclassified its rates in 2000 with the implementation of E-ZPass, but the net effect to the Authority was generally revenue-neutral.

This 2009 study provides a new baseline traffic and revenue forecast in consideration of the continued national and global recessions, using current toll rates and schedules. The study then evaluates a number of toll increase scenarios aimed at providing sufficient revenues to meet the Debt Service coverage requirements and projected infrastructure needs of the Authority.

Among those scenarios that are estimated to produce enough annual revenue to meet the total needs of the Authority, Scenario C2 (60 percent toll increase for all vehicles classes, with a 25 percent discount for West Virginia E-ZPass customers) provides for the smallest toll increase in combination with the largest toll discount for West Virginia E-ZPass customers.

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work for this study incorporated the following tasks:

TASK 1: DATA COLLECTION AND MOBILIZATION

This task entailed the collection and review of relevant existing data including:

- The latest transactions and revenue data on a daily, monthly and annual basis by plaza;
- Transaction and revenue data by payment method, including West Virginia and non-West Virginia E-ZPass customers and PACC customers;
- The latest State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP);
- Population, employment, income and other socioeconomic data for the region;
- A review of the previous studies conducted by WSA for the Authority;
- A review of projected annual Debt Service on the Authority's Turnpike revenue bonds for fiscal years ending June 30, 2010 through and including 2019, calculated by the Authority based on the definitions in the applicable 1993 Indenture of Trust as amended and supplemented; and
- A review of the Consulting Engineer's Report, particularly the forecasts of annual operating expenses, replacement and renewal (R&R) requirements and essential deferred maintenance and capital needs for fiscal years 2010 through 2019.

TASK 2: SOCIOECONOMIC GROWTH ASSESSMENT

Historical and forecasted population, employment, and other economic indicators for the Turnpike corridor, West Virginia, and the surrounding States were assembled and reviewed. Based upon recent historical traffic and revenue data, as well as updated socioeconomic forecasts, WSA revised the short- and long-term growth rate estimates from the December 2008 study. Revised growth rates were developed for passenger cars and commercial vehicles at each of the four Turnpike toll plazas (Mainline Plazas A, B, and C, and the North Beckley Ramp Plaza).

TASK 3: ANNUAL TRANSACTION AND TOLL REVENUE ESTIMATES

Monthly growth rates developed in Task 2 were used to estimate traffic and revenue through the remainder of FY 2009, and subsequent annual rates were applied to the FY 2009 estimate to develop a Base Case for the period through FY 2025. Separate traffic and revenue estimates were developed for passenger cars and commercial vehicles and for cash, E-ZPass, and PACC customers.

Toll sensitivity results from running models with 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, and 120 percent increases over current rates were used to develop traffic retention factors. These retention factors were used to estimate the number of transactions that will be lost due to a given toll increase as a result of diversion to a competing roadway and overall reduction in traffic.

Multiple discount options for West Virginia E-ZPass customers under each toll increase scenario were evaluated. In all cases, no increases were assumed for the PACC program. Each of the discount programs would be open to eligible users regardless of users' state (or country) of residency. In order to receive the E-ZPass discount, customers would have to receive their E-ZPass transponder from the Authority.

Because several scenarios included new West Virginia E-ZPass discounts, and because all scenarios assumed no increases in PACC program fees, the traffic and revenue estimates for each toll increase scenario included an estimate of the number of current cash and non-West Virginia E-ZPass customers that would obtain a West Virginia E-ZPass transponder and/or enroll in the PACC program.

TASK 4: STUDY DOCUMENTATION

WSA developed this report, which documents historical transaction and revenue data for the Turnpike, economic conditions and forecasts for the region, and forecasts of annual transactions and revenue.

Chapter 2 of this report discusses the historical transaction and revenue trends of the Turnpike. Chapter 3 provides a discussion of forecasts of population, employment, and other economic indicators for West Virginia and the surrounding region. Chapter 4 provides a discussion of the Base Case forecast, the toll increase scenarios evaluated, the methodology, annual transaction and revenue estimates, and a financial assessment of each scenario. Appendix A presents further details of the financial assessment for the Base Case and each tolling scenario.

CHAPTER 2

DESCRIPTION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA TURNPIKE

Presented within this chapter is a description of the physical characteristics of the West Virginia Turnpike, the current toll schedule, and historical trends in transactions and revenue.

TURNPIKE DESCRIPTION

The West Virginia Turnpike totals 88 miles in length and is comprised of four to six total travel lanes. The Turnpike is designated as Interstate 77 along its entire length, but also carries the Interstate 64 designation from Charleston to just south of Beckley. The Turnpike, and its relationship to the regional roadway network, is shown in Figure 2-1. The Turnpike is an important north-south interstate travel corridor linking eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania in the north to western Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, and other states in the southeastern U.S. While the Turnpike extends through mountainous terrain over much of its length, it has posted speed limits of up to 70 miles per hour. The high speed limits are reflective of the high design standards of the facility.

Figure 2-2 presents a more detailed view of the Turnpike. The Turnpike passes through the West Virginia counties of Kanawha, Fayette, Raleigh, and Mercer, serving cities including Charleston, Beckley, and Princeton. In addition to these larger cities, a number of smaller communities with more localized trip origins and destinations are served. In addition, a large proportion of long-distance interstate trips are served by the Turnpike.

As shown in Figure 2-2, several parallel roads exist which offer toll-free alternatives to various sections of the Turnpike. These roads include:

- U.S. 19 between Princeton and Beckley;
- U.S. 60 between I-64 at Exit 156 and Charleston;
- S.R. 3/S.R. 94 between Beckley and Marmet;
- S.R. 61 between Cabin Creek and Charleston; and
- C.R. 23/C.R. 1/C.R.13/C.R. 79 between Pax and Cabin Creek.





These routes do not offer the higher speeds and convenience provided by the Turnpike. Many of the alternative roads pass through local communities, are narrow, and have lower standards of vertical and horizontal geometry in comparison to the Turnpike, which may be of particular concern due to the mountainous terrain through which the Turnpike corridor runs. Because of the numerous curves and grade changes, the actual average travel speeds on these facilities are significantly less than those that can be achieved on the Turnpike, resulting in overall longer travel times, especially for longer distance trips.

TOLL SCHEDULE

A summary of the toll schedule currently in place on the Turnpike is presented in Table 2-1. The current toll rates were first made effective on January 28, 2000. While tolls were increased on January 1, 2006, they were subsequently returned to the previous rates on February 13, 2006, as the result of a court case heard in Kanawha County.

The current toll rate schedule consists of ten toll rates for ten classifications based on numbers of axles and vehicle height. The last permanent toll increase, other than the revenue-neutral reclassification in 2000 and the temporary increase in 2006, occurred in 1981. Under the current toll schedule passenger car drivers pay \$1.25 at each mainline toll plaza and \$0.25 at the North Beckley ramp plaza. Tolls for five-axle trucks are \$4.25 at each mainline toll plaza and \$1.00 at North Beckley.

Electronic toll collection (ETC), introduced in 2000 through the E-ZPass system, is available at all toll plaza lanes. A significant benefit of the E-ZPass system is that motorists are not required to come to a full stop at toll plazas to pay cash for tolls. Instead E-ZPass customers have an electronic transponder in their vehicles, and all transaction information is passed electronically between the vehicle and the toll plaza.

Table 2-1 Current Toll Rate Schedule (1) West Virginia Turnpike				
Toll Class	Vehicle Type	Number of Axles	Toll Rate	
			Barriers A, B, C	North Beckley
1	Passenger cars/pickup trucks (under 7' 6")	2	\$1.25	\$0.25
2	All Class 1 vehicles with a trailer (under 7' 6")	3+	1.50	0.50
3	Motorhomes Only (over 7' 6")	2-3	1.50	0.50
4	Class 3 vehicles with a trailer (over 7' 6")	3+	2.00	0.75
5	2-axle trucks	2	2.00	0.50
6	3-axle trucks	3	2.75	0.75
7	4-axle trucks	4	4.00	1.00
8	5-axle trucks	5	4.25	1.00
9	6-or-more-axle trucks	6+	6.00	1.50
10	Oversize trucks		7.50	4.50
(1) The current toll schedule was first introduced on January 28, 2000 and was reinstated on February 14th, 2006 after being increased January 1, 2006.				

The Authority also offers the Parkways Authority Commuter Card (PACC) discount program to West Virginia residents. The program is restricted to passenger car vehicles or trucks with a gross vehicle weight of less than 8,000 pounds that are not being used for commercial or business purposes. The PACC discount program entitles customers to unlimited travel through each plaza for which they purchase a discount plan. Patrons can choose any combination of the three mainline plazas for a fixed quarterly fee of \$25 per plaza. A \$5 discount per mainline toll plaza is offered for an annual plan, for a total cost of \$285 for all three mainline toll plazas. This equates to a 5 percent discount per mainline plaza. Included with any of the mainline plazas is the North Beckley ramp, which costs \$5 annually individually. PACC subscribers are issued an E-ZPass transponder which provides unlimited access to the selected plazas, while also processing regular pay-per-use transactions at other plazas.

Tables 2-2 and 2-3 provide a comparison between the current per-mile toll rates charged on the West Virginia Turnpike and other U.S. toll facilities for cars and five-axle trucks, respectively. Table 2-2 presents a comparison of the passenger car cash toll rates. Per-mile toll rates for cars vary from \$0.029 on the Garden State Parkway to \$0.357 on the Delaware Turnpike. As shown, the West Virginia Turnpike cash toll amounts to \$0.043 per-mile for a passenger car through trip, placing it among the bottom 20 percent of toll highways in cost per mile.

Per-mile cash toll rates for five-axle trucks are shown in Table 2-3. Again, the West Virginia Turnpike rates are toward the lower end of the range included in the comparison. A full-length trip for a 5-axle truck costs \$12.75, or \$0.145 per mile. The range for the facilities shown here varies from \$0.072 per-mile on the southbound Garden State Parkway to \$1.333 per-mile on the San Joaquin Expressway.

HISTORICAL TRAFFIC AND REVENUE TRENDS

Historical toll transactions and toll revenues on the Turnpike are shown in Tables 2-4 and 2-5, respectively, and depicted graphically in Figure 2-3. The tables present the data by month and vehicle class between Fiscal Year 1995 and FY 2008.

As shown in Table 2-4, passenger car transactions experienced steady increases between FY 1995 and FY 2004, when they peaked at roughly 27.4 million. Since that peak, passenger vehicle transactions have declined in three of the past four years, increasing by 1.3 percent between FY 2006 and FY 2007. Commercial vehicle transactions peaked slightly later than passenger car transactions, reaching approximately 8.4 million transactions in FY 2006 after ten years of almost consistently steady growth. Since then, commercial vehicle transactions have declined over the past two fiscal years, with the rate of decline nearly doubling between FY 2007 and FY 2008, to nearly 3 percent. Commercial vehicle transactions totaled approximately 8.0 million in FY 2008.

Table 2-2
Toll Rate Comparison - By Agency and Facility
Passenger Car (2 axle) Cash Rate

Agency and Facility Name	Facility Length	Trip Cost	Cost Per Mile
Delaware Turnpike - JFK Memorial Highway (I-95)	11.2	\$4.00	\$0.357
Transportation Corridor Agencies - San Joaquin, Route 73	15.0	\$5.00	\$0.333
Miami Dade Expressway - Miami Airport Expressway - SR 112	4.2	\$1.25	\$0.298
Pocahontas Parkway (Richmond, VA)	8.8	\$2.50	\$0.284
Transportation Corridor Agencies - Route 241	24.0	\$6.50	\$0.271
Northwest Parkway (Colorado)	9.5	\$2.50	\$0.263
Dulles Greenway	14.0	\$3.50	\$0.250
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority - North-South (355) Tollway	17.6	\$4.00	\$0.227
E-470 Public Highway Authority (Colorado)	55.6	\$12.25	\$0.220
Tampa-Hillsboro Crosstown Expressway - Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Expressway	14.0	\$3.00	\$0.214
Richmond Metropolitan Authority (Virginia) - Downtown Expressway	2.5	\$0.50	\$0.200
North Texas Tollway Authority - Dallas North Tollway (DNT)	21.0	\$4.05	\$0.193
Miami Dade Expressway - Don Shula (South Dade) Expressway - SR 874	7.3	\$1.25	\$0.171
Harris County Toll Road Authority - Sam Houston Toll Road	64.3	\$11.00	\$0.171
North Texas Tollway Authority - President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT)	30.0	\$5.00	\$0.167
Richmond Metropolitan Authority (Virginia) - Powhite Parkway	3.4	\$0.50	\$0.147
Chesapeake Expressway (Route 168) - Virginia	16.0	\$2.00	\$0.125
Greenville Southern Connector	16.0	\$2.00	\$0.125
Texas Department of Transportation - Central Texas Turnpike - SH 130	49.0	\$6.00	\$0.122
Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority - Bee Line (SR 528)	22.6	\$2.75	\$0.122
Florida - Polk Parkway - Florida	25.0	\$3.00	\$0.120
Maryland Transportation Authority - JFK Memorial Highway	42.0	\$5.00	\$0.119
Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority - East-West Expressway (SR 408)	22.0	\$2.50	\$0.114
New Hampshire Turnpike - Blue Star Turnpike (includes Hampton toll plaza)	15.0	\$1.50	\$0.100
South Jersey Turnpike Authority - Atlantic City Expressway	44.0	\$3.75	\$0.085
Georgia State Tollway Authority - Georgia 400 Extension	6.2	\$0.50	\$0.081
Powhite Parkway Extension - Virginia DOT	10.0	\$0.75	\$0.075
New Jersey Turnpike Authority - New Jersey Turnpike	122.4	\$9.05	\$0.074
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise - Mainline	309.6	\$21.20	\$0.068
Massachusetts Turnpike Authority - Masspike (WB)	135.1	\$8.60	\$0.064
Penn. Turnpike - Mainline (I-76 / I-70 / I-276) - East-West section (EB Direction)	357.6	\$22.75	\$0.064
Penn. Turnpike - Mainline (I-76 / I-70 / I-276) - East-West section (WB Direction)	357.6	\$19.75	\$0.055
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority - East-West (Ronald Regan) Tollway	98.0	\$5.40	\$0.055
Dulles Toll Road	14.0	\$0.75	\$0.054
Indiana Toll Road	156.9	\$8.00	\$0.051
New York State Thruway - Mainline (From PA State Line to NYC Line) EB/SB	496.7	\$25.00	\$0.050
Oklahoma Transportation Authority - Muskogee Turnpike	53.1	\$2.50	\$0.047
Oklahoma Transportation Authority - Bailey Turnpike	86.4	\$4.00	\$0.046
New Hampshire Turnpike - Spaulding (includes Dover & Rochester toll plazas)	33.2	\$1.50	\$0.045
Oklahoma Transportation Authority - Indian Nation Turnpike	105.2	\$4.75	\$0.045
New Hampshire Turnpike - Central (includes Hooksett & Bedford toll plazas)	44.7	\$2.00	\$0.045
Ohio Turnpike Commission	237.0	\$10.25	\$0.043
West Virginia Turnpike	88.0	\$3.75	\$0.043
Oklahoma Transportation Authority - Cimarron Turnpike	59.2	\$2.50	\$0.042
New York State Thruway - Mainline (From NYC Line to PA State Line) NB/WB	496.7	\$20.50	\$0.041
Oklahoma Transportation Authority - Will Rogers Turnpike	88.5	\$3.50	\$0.040
Kansas Turnpike Authority	236.0	\$9.25	\$0.039
Massachusetts Turnpike Authority - Masspike (EB)	135.1	\$5.10	\$0.038
Maine Turnpike Authority	106.0	\$4.00	\$0.038
Delaware Turnpike - Delaware SR 1	56.0	\$2.00	\$0.036
New Jersey Turnpike Authority - Garden State Parkway (NB)	173.0	\$6.00	\$0.035
New Jersey Turnpike Authority - Garden State Parkway (SB)	173.0	\$5.00	\$0.029

Table 2-3
Toll Rate Comparison - By Agency and Facility
Commercial Vehicle (5 axle) Cash Rate

Agency and Facility Name	Facility Length	Trip Cost	Cost Per Mile
Transportation Corridor Agencies - San Joaquin, Route 73	15.0	\$20.00	\$1.333
Miami Dade Expressway - Miami Airport Expressway - SR 112	4.2	\$5.00	\$1.190
Northwest Parkway (Colorado)	9.5	\$9.50	\$1.000
Transportation Corridor Agencies - Route 241	24.0	\$22.25	\$0.927
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority - North-South (355) Tollway	17.6	\$16.00	\$0.909
E-470 Public Highway Authority (Colorado)	55.6	\$49.00	\$0.881
Tampa-Hillsboro Crosstown Expressway - Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Expressway	14.0	\$12.00	\$0.857
Delaware Turnpike - JFK Memorial Highway (I-95)	11.2	\$9.00	\$0.804
Dulles Greenway	14.0	\$10.25	\$0.732
North Texas Tollway Authority - Dallas North Tollway (DNT)	21.0	\$15.00	\$0.714
Miami Dade Expressway - Don Shula (South Dade) Expressway - SR 874	7.3	\$5.00	\$0.685
North Texas Tollway Authority - President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT)	30.0	\$20.00	\$0.667
Harris County Toll Road Authority - Sam Houston Toll Road	64.3	\$42.00	\$0.653
Pocahontas Parkway (Richmond, VA)	8.8	\$5.50	\$0.625
Texas Department of Transportation - Central Texas Turnpike - SH 130	49.0	\$24.00	\$0.490
Florida - Polk Parkway - Florida	25.0	\$12.00	\$0.480
Maryland Transportation Authority - JFK Memorial Highway	42.0	\$20.00	\$0.476
Georgia State Tollway Authority - Georgia 400 Extension	6.2	\$2.50	\$0.403
Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority - Bee Line (SR 528)	22.6	\$9.00	\$0.398
Greenville Southern Connector	16.0	\$6.00	\$0.375
Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority - East-West Expressway (SR 408)	22.0	\$8.00	\$0.364
South Jersey Turnpike Authority - Atlantic City Expressway	44.0	\$15.00	\$0.341
Richmond Metropolitan Authority (Virginia) - Downtown Expressway	2.5	\$0.80	\$0.320
Chesapeake Expressway (Route 168) - Virginia	16.0	\$5.00	\$0.313
New Hampshire Turnpike - Blue Star Turnpike (includes Hampton toll plaza)	15.0	\$4.50	\$0.300
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority - East-West (Ronald Regan) Tollway	98.0	\$27.00	\$0.276
New York State Thruway - Mainline (From PA State Line to NYC Line) EB/SB	496.7	\$132.75	\$0.267
New Jersey Turnpike Authority - New Jersey Turnpike	122.4	\$32.50	\$0.266
Penn. Turnpike - Mainline (I-76 / I-70 / I-276) - East-West section (EB Direction)	357.6	\$90.00	\$0.252
Richmond Metropolitan Authority (Virginia) - Powhite Parkway	3.4	\$0.80	\$0.235
New York State Thruway - Mainline (From NYC Line to PA State Line) NB/WB	496.7	\$115.25	\$0.232
Massachusetts Turnpike Authority - Masspike (WB)	135.1	\$31.25	\$0.231
Penn. Turnpike - Mainline (I-76 / I-70 / I-276) - East-West section (WB Direction)	357.6	\$75.00	\$0.210
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise - Mainline	309.6	\$64.25	\$0.208
New Hampshire Turnpike - Spaulding (includes Dover & Rochester toll plazas)	33.2	\$6.00	\$0.181
Delaware Turnpike - Delaware SR 1	56.0	\$10.00	\$0.179
Indiana Toll Road	156.9	\$27.25	\$0.174
Oklahoma Transportation Authority - Cimarron Turnpike	59.2	\$10.00	\$0.169
Massachusetts Turnpike Authority - Masspike (EB)	135.1	\$22.50	\$0.167
Oklahoma Transportation Authority - Will Rogers Turnpike	88.5	\$14.25	\$0.161
New Hampshire Turnpike - Central (includes Hooksett & Bedford toll plazas)	44.7	\$7.00	\$0.157
Oklahoma Transportation Authority - Indian Nation Turnpike	105.2	\$16.00	\$0.152
Maine Turnpike Authority	106.0	\$16.00	\$0.151
Oklahoma Transportation Authority - Muskogee Turnpike	53.1	\$8.00	\$0.151
Powhite Parkway Extension - Virginia DOT	10.0	\$1.50	\$0.150
West Virginia Turnpike	88.0	\$12.75	\$0.145
Oklahoma Transportation Authority - Bailey Turnpike	86.4	\$12.50	\$0.145
Dulles Toll Road	14.0	\$1.75	\$0.125
Kansas Turnpike Authority	236.0	\$28.25	\$0.120
Ohio Turnpike Commission	237.0	\$28.25	\$0.119
New Jersey Turnpike Authority - Garden State Parkway (NB)	173.0	\$17.50	\$0.101
New Jersey Turnpike Authority - Garden State Parkway (SB)	173.0	\$12.50	\$0.072

Table 2-4
Monthly Transaction Trends
West Virginia Turnpike

Thousands

Total Passenger Cars and Recreational Vehicles

Month	FY 1995	Percent Change	FY 1996	Percent Change	FY 1997	Percent Change	FY 1998	Percent Change	FY 1999	Percent Change	FY 2000	Percent Change	FY 2001	Percent Change	FY 2002	Percent Change	FY 2003	Percent Change	FY 2004	Percent Change	FY 2005	Percent Change	FY 2006	Percent Change	FY 2007	Percent Change	FY 2008
July	2,567	1.9	2,616	(0.6)	2,601	7.8	2,803	(1.3)	2,766	5.7	2,923	(4.8)	2,782	0.1	2,785	5.4	2,934	2.8	3,017	2.5	3,093	(1.8)	3,037	(3.4)	2,935	(0.5)	2,920
August	2,251	4.5	2,353	8.3	2,548	8.2	2,757	(7.3)	2,557	(0.2)	2,553	(3.5)	2,463	6.5	2,622	5.5	2,766	3.4	2,859	(6.5)	2,674	(2.0)	2,620	(1.0)	2,593	6.0	2,748
September	1,840	5.4	1,940	(2.6)	1,889	2.6	1,939	5.9	2,054	1.6	2,086	(1.7)	2,050	2.8	2,108	(0.4)	2,100	0.7	2,114	1.1	2,138	(6.8)	1,993	6.3	2,118	0.8	2,134
October	1,898	2.6	1,948	2.1	1,989	6.6	2,121	0.7	2,135	2.4	2,187	(2.8)	2,125	2.2	2,172	2.4	2,225	4.9	2,333	(0.9)	2,312	(8.0)	2,128	6.5	2,267	(1.1)	2,242
November	1,774	0.2	1,778	(1.5)	1,751	9.3	1,914	5.0	2,009	2.8	2,066	(4.1)	1,982	10.3	2,187	(8.0)	2,012	7.7	2,167	(0.6)	2,153	(4.5)	2,056	7.3	2,207	(0.8)	2,190
December	1,757	(0.5)	1,749	10.1	1,926	(2.0)	1,887	2.2	1,928	2.0	1,967	(5.9)	1,851	13.3	2,097	4.5	2,191	(3.7)	2,111	(2.1)	2,067	(2.2)	2,022	8.5	2,194	(5.5)	2,073
January	1,249	(6.2)	1,172	16.7	1,368	6.4	1,455	(1.2)	1,438	(1.7)	1,413	3.6	1,464	6.5	1,559	0.1	1,560	5.3	1,643	(3.7)	1,582	2.1	1,616	1.6	1,642	(4.4)	1,570
February	1,207	4.9	1,266	7.2	1,357	1.8	1,382	4.1	1,439	1.1	1,455	0.8	1,466	7.8	1,581	(12.0)	1,391	16.9	1,626	(3.0)	1,578	(2.4)	1,540	(4.5)	1,471	7.5	1,582
March	1,739	2.9	1,789	14.5	2,048	(7.9)	1,887	(2.5)	1,840	0.8	1,854	4.6	1,939	17.5	2,278	(7.4)	2,110	1.9	2,150	3.3	2,222	(4.4)	2,125	1.7	2,162	3.9	2,247
April	2,104	(2.1)	2,059	(5.3)	1,950	13.5	2,213	3.8	2,298	(3.4)	2,221	1.1	2,246	(3.7)	2,164	6.4	2,303	5.2	2,423	(9.9)	2,183	8.4	2,366	(2.1)	2,317	(14.5)	1,982
May	1,976	4.1	2,058	4.4	2,149	3.9	2,232	1.3	2,262	(2.4)	2,208	(0.7)	2,192	8.7	2,383	1.0	2,406	(0.7)	2,389	(0.4)	2,379	1.5	2,415	(3.1)	2,341	(3.3)	2,263
June	2,206	4.4	2,302	1.9	2,345	1.2	2,373	2.4	2,429	1.5	2,466	0.9	2,488	6.3	2,645	(0.3)	2,637	(1.7)	2,591	(0.3)	2,582	1.7	2,627	1.1	2,655	(6.7)	2,476
Total	22,568	2.0	23,030	3.9	23,921	4.4	24,963	0.8	25,155	1.0	25,399	(1.4)	25,048	6.1	26,581	0.2	26,635	3.0	27,423	(1.7)	26,963	(1.6)	26,545	1.3	26,902	(1.8)	26,427

Total Commercial Vehicles

Month	FY 1995	Percent Change	FY 1996	Percent Change	FY 1997	Percent Change	FY 1998	Percent Change	FY 1999	Percent Change	FY 2000	Percent Change	FY 2001	Percent Change	FY 2002	Percent Change	FY 2003	Percent Change	FY 2004	Percent Change	FY 2005	Percent Change	FY 2006	Percent Change	FY 2007	Percent Change	FY 2008
July	420	2.4	430	12.8	485	20.6	585	(5.1)	555	2.3	568	8.3	615	(1.1)	608	4.3	634	(0.8)	629	4.0	654	0.2	655	1.8	667	0.4	670
August	480	5.8	508	3.5	526	14.6	603	(5.3)	571	8.4	619	13.4	702	(2.6)	684	(1.8)	672	(4.9)	639	10.3	705	6.1	748	0.3	750	(2.3)	733
September	466	0.6	469	6.2	498	15.5	575	0.7	579	2.8	595	7.1	637	(4.9)	606	4.1	631	2.4	646	6.7	689	1.5	699	(3.7)	673	(1.5)	663
October	488	3.7	506	9.1	552	8.7	600	2.0	612	2.5	627	9.9	689	(0.7)	684	1.0	691	0.9	697	1.0	704	3.0	725	0.1	726	0.4	729
November	461	0.4	463	3.9	481	7.7	518	4.4	541	7.9	584	7.4	627	(2.9)	609	(3.3)	589	0.3	591	10.5	653	5.4	688	(1.7)	676	(3.8)	650
December	441	(3.6)	425	9.6	466	11.4	519	6.0	550	7.1	589	(4.1)	565	(2.7)	550	3.1	567	4.8	594	8.6	645	0.6	649	(2.6)	632	(6.5)	591
January	453	0.2	454	11.9	508	3.0	523	3.3	540	8.0	583	7.7	628	(1.4)	619	(2.9)	601	(1.8)	590	8.8	642	4.5	671	1.6	682	(2.8)	663
February	431	8.4	467	1.7	475	9.3	519	4.2	541	17.7	637	(8.9)	580	(0.3)	578	(5.4)	547	10.2	603	3.6	625	1.8	636	(3.3)	615	0.5	618
March	497	0.4	499	4.4	521	12.1	584	5.3	615	15.0	707	(8.1)	650	(1.7)	639	0.6	643	8.7	699	2.3	715	3.6	741	(2.2)	725	(9.0)	660
April	455	10.3	502	7.4	539	7.4	579	0.9	584	10.1	643	(3.3)	622	5.6	657	(2.6)	640	4.4	668	3.7	693	0.3	695	(2.7)	676	1.3	685
May	479	8.6	520	2.9	535	6.5	570	3.0	587	17.5	690	(3.9)	663	1.4	672	(4.9)	639	4.4	667	5.4	703	6.0	745	(1.9)	731	(7.4)	677
June	486	4.1	506	4.5	529	9.1	577	5.5	609	12.6	686	(7.1)	637	1.9	649	(2.3)	634	9.5	694	3.7	720	2.2	736	(4.9)	700	(3.6)	675
Total	5,557	3.5	5,749	6.4	6,115	10.4	6,752	2.0	6,884	9.4	7,528	1.2	7,615	(0.8)	7,555	(0.9)	7,488	3.1	7,717	5.6	8,148	2.9	8,388	(1.6)	8,253	(2.9)	8,014

Total Transactions

Month	FY 1995	Percent Change	FY 1996	Percent Change	FY 1997	Percent Change	FY 1998	Percent Change	FY 1999	Percent Change	FY 2000	Percent Change	FY 2001	Percent Change	FY 2002	Percent Change	FY 2003	Percent Change	FY 2004	Percent Change	FY 2005	Percent Change	FY 2006	Percent Change	FY 2007	Percent Change	FY 2008
July	2,987	2.0	3,046	1.3	3,086	9.8	3,388	(2.0)	3,321	5.1	3,491	(2.7)	3,397	(0.1)	3,393	5.2	3,568	2.2	3,646	2.8	3,747	(1.5)	3,692	(2.4)	3,602	(0.3)	3,590
August	2,731	4.8	2,861	7.4	3,074	9.3	3,360	(6.9)	3,128	1.4	3,172	(0.2)	3,165	4.5	3,306	4.0	3,438	1.7	3,498	(3.4)	3,379	(0.3)	3,368	(0.7)	3,343	4.1	3,481
September	2,306	4.5	2,409	(0.9)	2,387	5.3	2,514	4.7	2,633	1.8	2,681	0.2	2,687	1.0	2,714	0.6	2,731	1.1	2,760	2.4	2,827	(4.8)	2,692	3.7	2,791	0.2	2,797
October	2,386	2.8	2,454	3.5	2,541	7.1	2,721	1.0	2,747	2.4	2,814	0.0	2,814	1.5	2,856	2.1	2,916	3.9	3,030	(0.5)	3,016	(5.4)	2,853	4.9	2,993	(0.7)	2,971
November	2,235	0.3	2,241	(0.4)	2,232	9.0	2,432	4.9	2,550	3.9	2,650	(1.5)	2,609	7.2	2,796	(7.0)	2,601	6.0	2,758	1.7	2,806	(2.2)	2,744	5.1	2,883	(1.5)	2,840
December	2,198	(1.1)	2,174	10.0	2,392	0.6	2,406	3.0	2,478	3.1	2,556	(5.5)	2,416	9.6	2,647	4.2	2,758	(1.9)	2,705	0.3	2,712	(1.5)	2,671	5.8	2,826	(5.7)	2,664
January	1,702	(4.5)	1,626	15.4	1,876	5.4	1,978	0.0	1,978	0.9	1,996	4.8	2,092	4.1	2,178	(0.8)	2,161	3.3	2,233	(0.4)	2,224	2.8	2,287	1.6	2,324	(3.9)	2,233
February	1,638	5.8	1,733	5.7	1,832	3.8	1,901	4.2	1,980	5.7	2,092	(2.2)	2,046	5.5	2,159	(10.2)	1,938	15.0	2,229	(1.2)	2,203	(1.2)	2,176	(4.1)	2,086	5.5	2,200
March	2,236	2.3	2,288	12.3	2,569	(3.8)	2,471	(0.6)	2,455	4.3	2,561	1.1	2,589	12.7	2,917	(5.6)	2,753	3.5	2,849	3.1	2,937	(2.4)	2,866	0.7	2,887	0.7	2,907
April	2,559	0.1	2,561	(2.8)	2,489	12.2	2,792	3.2	2,882	(0.6)	2,864	0.1	2,868	(1.6)	2,821	4.3	2,943	5.0	3,091	(7.0)	2,876	6.4	3,061	(2.2)	2,993	(10.9)	2,667
May	2,455	5.0	2,578	4.1	2,684	4.4	2,802	1.7	2,849	1.7	2,898	(1.5)	2,855	7.0	3,055	(0.3)	3,045	0.4	3,056	0.9	3,082	2.5	3,160	(2.8)	3,072	(4.3)	2,940
June	2,692	4.3	2,808	2.4	2,874	2.6	2,950	3.0	3,038	3.8	3,152	(0.9)	3,125	5.4	3,294	(0.7)	3,271	0.4	3,285	0.5	3,302	1.8	3,363	(0.2)	3,355	(6.1)	3,151
Total	28,125	2.3	28,779	4.4	30,036	5.6	31,715	1.0	32,039	2.8	32,927	(0.8)	32,663	4.5	34,136	(0.0)	34,123	3.0	35,140	(0.1)	35,111	(0.5)	34,933	0.6	35,155	(2.0)	34,441

Note: The PAC CARD commuter discount program was initiated in January 1994 for passenger cars only.
A toll rate reclassification took effect January 28, 2000.
E-ZPass electronic toll collection was introduced for all vehicles on the Turnpike beginning in December 1999; systemwide implementation was achieved by April 2000.

Source: West Virginia Turnpike

Table 2-5
Monthly Toll Revenue Trends
West Virginia Turnpike

Thousands

Total Passenger Cars and Recreational Vehicles

Month	FY 1995	Percent Change	FY 1996	Percent Change	FY 1997	Percent Change	FY 1998	Percent Change	FY 1999	Percent Change	FY 2000	Percent Change	FY 2001	Percent Change	FY 2002	Percent Change	FY 2003	Percent Change	FY 2004	Percent Change	FY 2005	Percent Change	FY 2006	Percent Change	FY 2007	Percent Change	FY 2008
July	\$2,898	1.5	\$2,942	(0.3)	\$2,934	8.6	\$3,186	(2.2)	\$3,117	5.7	\$3,294	(13.0)	\$2,867	(0.3)	\$2,859	5.1	\$3,004	2.7	\$3,085	2.7	\$3,167	(1.4)	\$3,122	(4.2)	\$2,992	(0.8)	\$2,968
August	2,519	4.5	2,632	9.0	2,870	9.0	3,127	(8.1)	2,875	(0.5)	2,862	(13.7)	2,471	6.7	2,636	5.9	2,791	3.7	2,894	(7.9)	2,665	(2.3)	2,605	(1.8)	2,558	6.7	2,730
September	2,037	5.3	2,144	(2.1)	2,098	2.3	2,146	6.6	2,287	1.0	2,311	(13.1)	2,008	2.8	2,065	(1.5)	2,034	0.0	2,034	0.9	2,053	(6.9)	1,911	6.5	2,036	0.7	2,051
October	2,089	2.7	2,146	2.8	2,206	6.2	2,342	1.2	2,370	2.3	2,425	(14.9)	2,064	1.9	2,104	2.3	2,153	4.9	2,258	(0.8)	2,239	(8.1)	2,058	5.8	2,177	(1.7)	2,139
November	1,943	0.7	1,957	(1.6)	1,926	9.3	2,106	5.5	2,221	2.4	2,274	(14.9)	1,935	11.0	2,148	(9.5)	1,944	9.0	2,118	(1.6)	2,084	(6.1)	1,956	12.1	2,192	(3.3)	2,119
December	1,901	0.4	1,908	10.3	2,105	(2.3)	2,056	2.4	2,106	(0.5)	2,095	(15.4)	1,773	14.3	2,026	5.0	2,128	(5.5)	2,011	(2.7)	1,956	(1.3)	1,930	8.8	2,100	(6.1)	1,972
January	1,340	(6.3)	1,255	17.1	1,469	7.4	1,577	(1.0)	1,561	(9.6)	1,411	(5.8)	1,329	6.6	1,417	0.4	1,423	5.1	1,496	(4.6)	1,427	59.2	2,272	(35.0)	1,476	(5.1)	1,400
February	1,297	5.2	1,364	7.5	1,466	2.2	1,498	4.1	1,559	(13.5)	1,349	(0.3)	1,345	8.3	1,456	(13.7)	1,257	17.0	1,471	(2.9)	1,428	19.1	1,701	(20.6)	1,350	5.3	1,422
March	1,904	3.3	1,967	14.4	2,250	(7.9)	2,073	(2.8)	2,015	(7.0)	1,874	(0.7)	1,860	19.5	2,222	(9.2)	2,018	0.5	2,028	5.0	2,130	(6.3)	1,996	2.6	2,048	4.7	2,145
April	2,322	(1.6)	2,286	(5.6)	2,158	13.8	2,456	4.4	2,565	(13.9)	2,209	0.5	2,219	(5.4)	2,100	6.7	2,240	5.4	2,361	(10.9)	2,104	9.7	2,309	(2.4)	2,253	(18.0)	1,848
May	2,188	4.6	2,289	4.7	2,396	3.7	2,485	1.5	2,522	(13.5)	2,181	(1.5)	2,149	9.2	2,347	0.9	2,368	(1.1)	2,343	(0.8)	2,324	(3.4)	2,245	1.1	2,269	(3.4)	2,192
June	2,479	4.7	2,596	2.1	2,651	0.7	2,670	2.4	2,734	(8.7)	2,497	0.9	2,519	6.8	2,690	(1.0)	2,663	(2.8)	2,589	(0.7)	2,572	2.1	2,626	1.8	2,672	(7.3)	2,477
Total	\$24,917	2.3	\$25,486	4.1	\$26,529	4.5	\$27,722	0.8	\$27,932	(4.1)	\$26,782	(8.4)	\$24,539	6.2	\$26,070	(0.2)	\$26,023	2.6	\$26,688	(2.0)	\$26,149	2.2	\$26,731	(2.3)	\$26,123	(2.5)	\$25,463

Total Commercial Vehicles

Month	FY 1995	Percent Change	FY 1996	Percent Change	FY 1997	Percent Change	FY 1998	Percent Change	FY 1999	Percent Change	FY 2000	Percent Change	FY 2001	Percent Change	FY 2002	Percent Change	FY 2003	Percent Change	FY 2004	Percent Change	FY 2005	Percent Change	FY 2006	Percent Change	FY 2007	Percent Change	FY 2008
July	\$1,660	2.2	\$1,697	12.9	\$1,916	20.6	\$2,311	(5.7)	\$2,180	2.2	\$2,228	3.9	\$2,316	(2.5)	\$2,257	4.9	\$2,367	0.5	\$2,380	3.8	\$2,470	(0.9)	\$2,449	2.0	\$2,498	0.6	\$2,512
August	1,899	5.7	2,007	3.7	2,081	14.1	2,375	(5.6)	2,242	7.9	2,420	9.0	2,639	(3.4)	2,548	(1.7)	2,504	(3.2)	2,423	10.1	2,668	4.8	2,818	0.8	2,818	(2.4)	2,751
September	1,844	0.3	1,849	6.5	1,969	14.4	2,253	0.6	2,267	2.5	2,323	3.0	2,393	(5.3)	2,267	4.1	2,360	4.1	2,456	6.7	2,621	0.3	2,630	(2.9)	2,555	(2.4)	2,494
October	1,929	3.4	1,995	9.6	2,186	8.0	2,360	1.6	2,397	2.3	2,451	6.0	2,597	(1.8)	2,549	1.7	2,593	2.2	2,651	1.4	2,687	1.9	2,739	0.0	2,739	1.5	2,779
November	1,819	0.4	1,826	4.2	1,902	7.0	2,035	4.0	2,117	7.7	2,279	3.9	2,367	(3.6)	2,282	(3.0)	2,214	1.7	2,251	10.7	2,492	3.9	2,589	(0.8)	2,567	(4.5)	2,452
December	1,743	(4.0)	1,674	9.9	1,840	10.7	2,037	5.8	2,156	1.8	2,194	(3.1)	2,126	(2.8)	2,066	3.2	2,133	6.4	2,270	8.7	2,467	15.2	2,841	(15.9)	2,390	(6.5)	2,235
January	1,789	(0.3)	1,784	12.4	2,005	2.4	2,053	2.3	2,100	(8.9)	1,914	24.1	2,375	(2.1)	2,324	(1.1)	2,298	(1.7)	2,260	9.1	2,466	68.1	4,146	(37.6)	2,589	(3.0)	2,511
February	1,704	8.2	1,843	1.5	1,871	8.9	2,038	3.9	2,117	(5.4)	2,003	9.3	2,189	(0.7)	2,173	(4.0)	2,087	10.3	2,303	4.0	2,394	29.9	3,109	(25.1)	2,329	0.1	2,332
March	1,963	0.3	1,969	4.1	2,050	11.7	2,289	5.2	2,407	(1.9)	2,361	3.9	2,454	(2.4)	2,396	2.1	2,447	8.7	2,661	2.8	2,735	2.5	2,804	(2.3)	2,739	(9.1)	2,489
April	1,796	10.1	1,977	7.4	2,124	6.8	2,268	0.8	2,287	5.8	2,420	(3.6)	2,332	5.6	2,463	(1.2)	2,434	4.2	2,536	4.1	2,641	(0.6)	2,624	(2.9)	2,547	1.3	2,579
May	1,889	8.4	2,048	2.8	2,105	5.9	2,230	3.0	2,297	12.4	2,582	(3.9)	2,482	1.2	2,513	(3.5)	2,425	4.0	2,523	5.7	2,668	5.4	2,811	(2.3)	2,745	(7.4)	2,541
June	1,909	4.7	1,998	4.0	2,078	8.6	2,256	5.6	2,383	8.4	2,582	(7.9)	2,377	2.3	2,431	(1.1)	2,405	9.2	2,627	4.1	2,735	2.1	2,793	(6.0)	2,626	(3.7)	2,529
Total	\$21,944	3.3	\$22,667	6.4	\$24,127	9.9	\$26,505	1.7	\$26,950	3.0	\$27,757	3.2	\$28,647	(1.3)	\$28,269	(0.0)	\$28,267	3.8	\$29,341	5.8	\$31,044	10.6	\$34,331	(9.3)	\$31,142	(3.0)	\$30,204

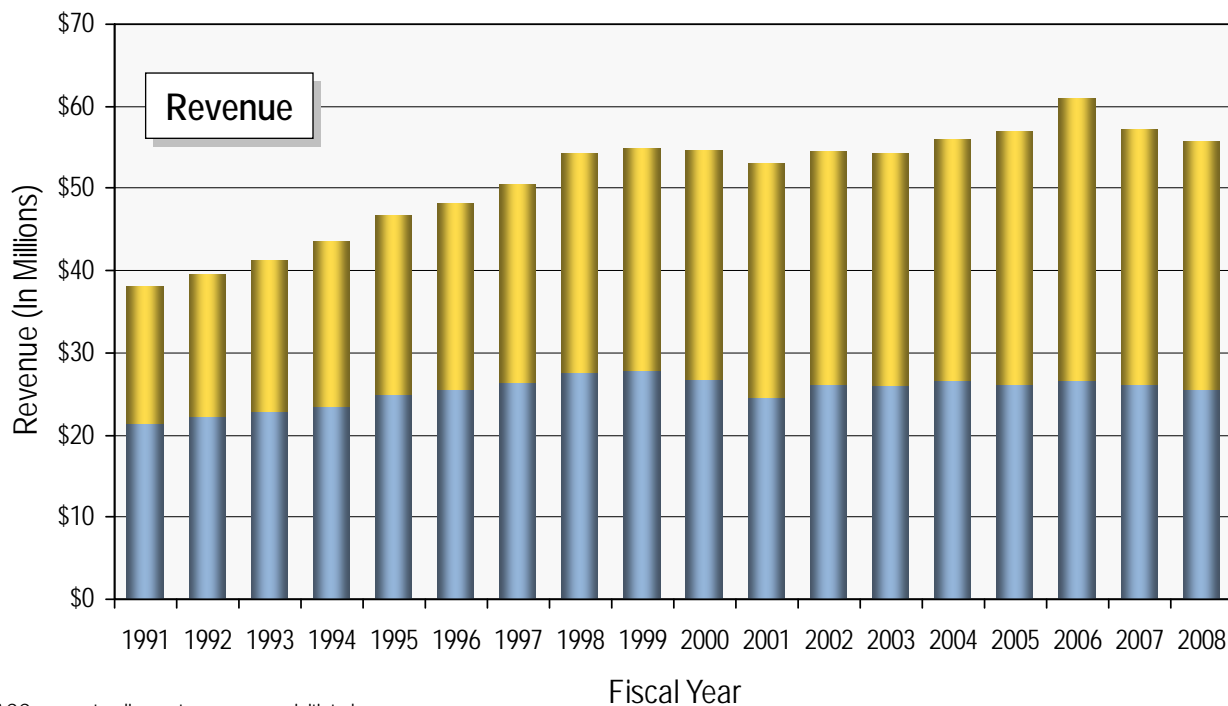
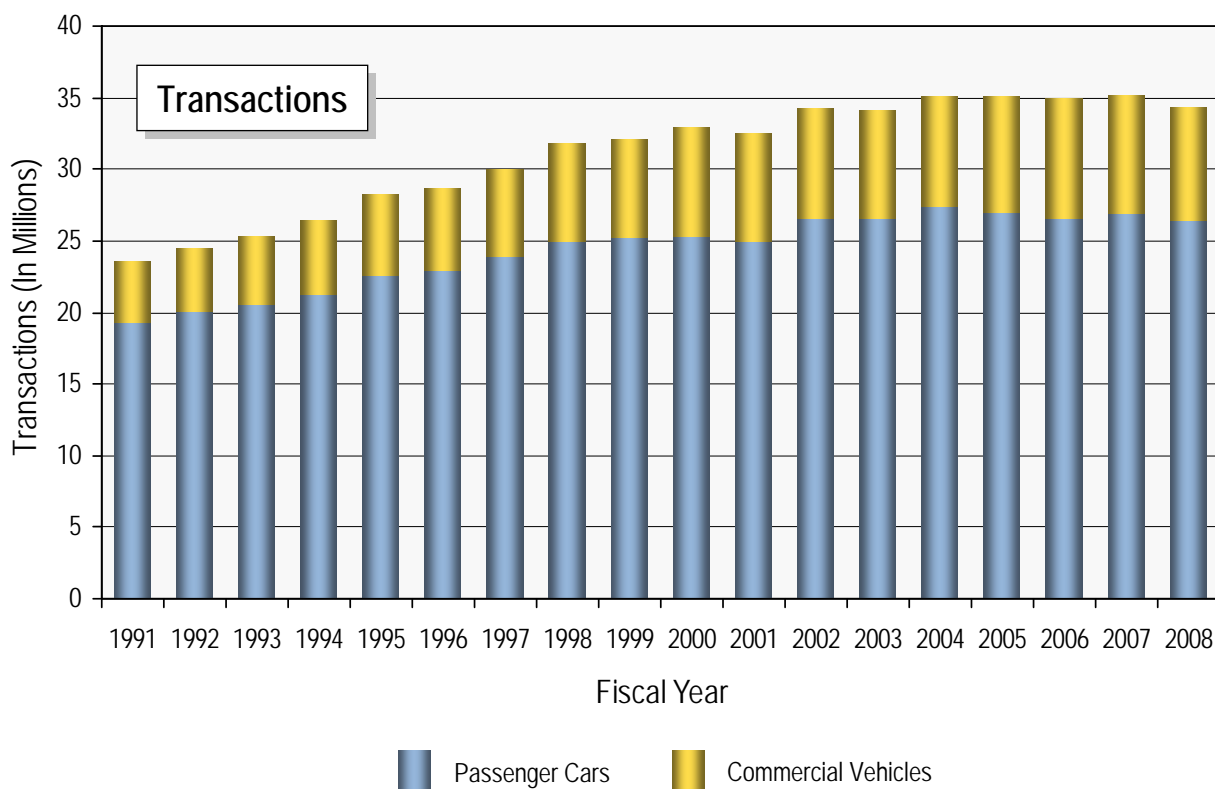
Total Toll Revenue

Month	FY 1995	Percent Change	FY 1996	Percent Change	FY 1997	Percent Change	FY 1998	Percent Change	FY 1999	Percent Change	FY 2000	Percent Change	FY 2001	Percent Change	FY 2002	Percent Change	FY 2003	Percent Change	FY 2004	Percent Change	FY 2005	Percent Change	FY 2006	Percent Change	FY 2007	Percent Change	FY 2008
July	\$4,558	1.8	\$4,639	4.5	\$4,850	13.3	\$5,497	(3.6)	\$5,297	4.2	\$5,522	(6.1)	\$5,183	(1.3)	\$5,116	5.0	\$5,371	1.8	\$5,465	3.1	\$5,637	(1.2)	\$5,571	(1.5)	\$5,490	(0.2)	\$5,480
August	4,418	5.0	4,639	6.7	4,951	11.1	5,502	(7.0)	5,117	3.2	5,282	(3.3)	5,110	1.4	5,184	2.1	5,295	0.4	5,317	0.3	5,333	1.3	5,401	(0.5)	5,376	2.0	5,481
September	3,881	2.9	3,993	1.9	4,067	8.2	4,399	3.5	4,554	1.8	4,634	(5.0)	4,401	(1.6)	4,332	1.4	4,394	2.2	4,490	4.1	4,674	(2.8)	4,541	1.1	4,591	(1.0)	4,545
October	4,018	3.1	4,141	6.1	4,392	7.1	4,702	1.4	4,767	2.3	4,876	(4.4)	4,661	(0.2)	4,653	2.0	4,746	3.4	4,909	0.3	4,926	(2.6)	4,797	2.5	4,916	0.0	4,918
November	3,762	0.6	3,783	1.2	3,828	8.2	4,141	4.8	4,338	5.0	4,553	(5.5)	4,302	3.0	4,430	(6.1)	4,158	5.1	4,369	4.7	4,576	(0.7)	4,545	4.7	4,759	(4.0)	4,571
December	3,644	(1.7)	3,582	10.1	3,945	3.8	4,093	4.1	4,262	0.6	4,289	(9.1)	3,899	4.9	4,092	4.1	4,261	0.5	4,281	3.3	4,423	7.9	4,771	(5.9)	4,490	(6.3)	4,207
January	3,129	(2.9)	3,039	14.3	3,474	4.5	3,630	0.9	3,661	(9.2)	3,325	11.4	3,704	1.0	3,741	(0.5)	3,721	0.9	3,756	3.6	3,893	64.9	6,418	(36.7)	4,065	(3.8)	3,911
February	3,001	6.9	3,207	4.1	3,337	6.0	3,536	4.0	3,676	(8.8)	3,352	5.4	3,534	2.7	3,629	(7.9)	3,344	12.9	3,774	1.3	3,822	25.9	4,810	(23.5)	3,679	2.0	3,754
March	3,867	1.8	3,936	9.2	4,300	1.4	4,362	1.4	4,422	(4.2)	4,235	1.9	4,314	7.0	4,618	(3.3)	4,465	5.0	4,689	3.8	4,865	(1.3)	4,800	(0.3)	4,787	(3.2)	4,634
April	4,118	3.5	4,263	0.4	4,282	10.3	4,724	2.7	4,852	(4.6)	4,629	(1.7)	4,551	0.3	4,563	2.4	4,674	4.8	4,897	(3.1)	4,745	4.0	4,933	(2.7)	4,800	(7.8)	4,427
May	4,077	6.4	4,337	3.8	4,501	4.8	4,715	2.2	4,819	(1.2)	4,763	(2.8)	4,631	4.9	4,860	(1.4)	4,793	1.5	4,866	2.6	4,992	1.3	5,056	(0.8)	5,014	(5.6)	4,733
June	4,388	4.7	4,594	2.9	4,729	4.2	4,926	3.9	5,117	(0.7)	5,079	(3.6)	4,896	4.6	5,121	(1.0)	5,068	2.9	5,216	1.7	5,307	2.1	5,419	(2.2)	5,298	(5.5)	5,006
Total	\$46,861	2.8	\$48,153	5.2	\$50,656	7.0	\$54,227	1.2	\$54,882	(0.6)	\$54,539	(2.5)	\$53,186	2.2	\$54,339	(0.1)	\$54,290	3.2	\$56,029	2.1	\$57,193	6.8	\$61,062	(6.2)	\$57,265	(2.8)	\$55,667

Adjustment s	-\$1,037		-\$1,248		-\$1,461		-\$1,565		-\$1,698		\$164		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Commuter Pass	266		323		375		419		439		480		564		648		701		667		735		701		667		735
Net Toll Revenue	\$46,090	2.5	\$47,228	5.0	\$49,570	7.1	\$53,081	1.0	\$53,623	2.9	\$55,183	(2.6)	\$53,750	2.3	\$54,987		\$54,991		\$56,696		\$57,928		\$61,763		\$57,932		\$56,402

(1) These estimates do not include the negative revenue impacts associated with the PACCARD commuter discount program initiated in 1994. In FY 2000/01, these losses amounted to about \$1.3 million.

Source: West Virginia Turnpike



Notes:

The PACC commuter discount program was initiated in January 1994 for passenger cars only.

A toll rate reclassification took effect January 28, 2000.

E-ZPass electronic toll collection was introduced to all vehicles on the Turnpike beginning December 1999 systemwide implementation was achieved by April 2000.

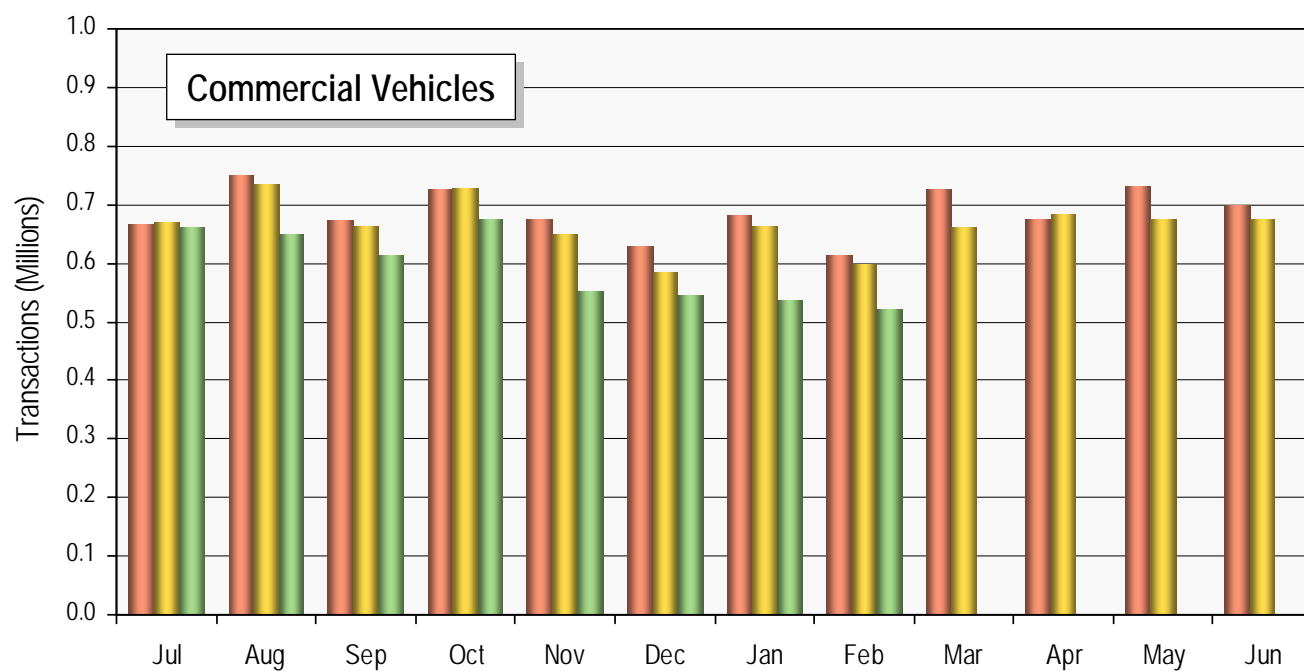
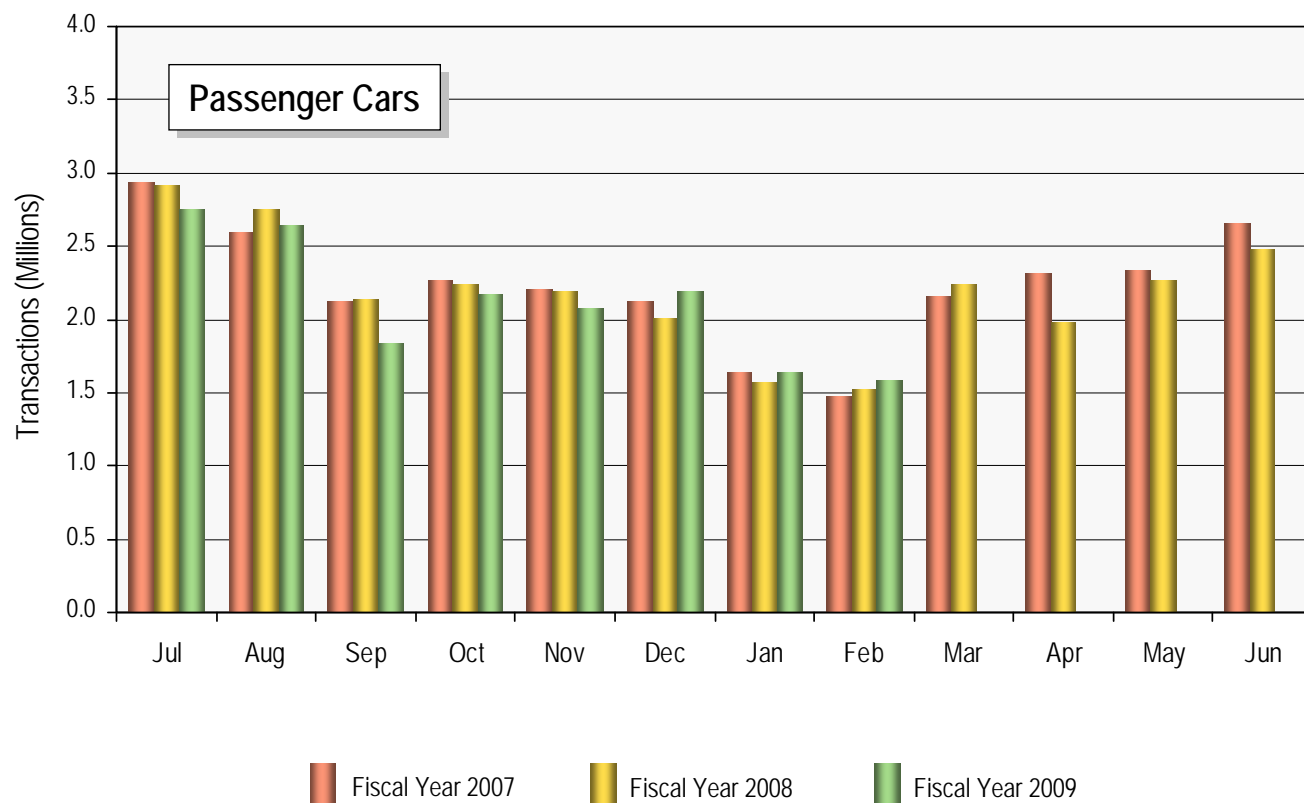
Toll revenue in FY 2005/06 includes temporary toll increase.

For the most part, Turnpike revenue trends, as shown in Table 2-5, closely mirror the transactions trends presented in Table 2-4, although two additional factors have had an impact on revenues since 2000. First, the introduction of the PACC program resulted in a slight decline in passenger car revenues in FY 2000 and FY 2001, due to the substantial discount offered to regular commuters through that program. In addition, the increase in toll rates during January and February 2006 resulted in an increase in toll revenue in FY 2006 and a corresponding revenue decline in the following fiscal year after tolls returned to their previous levels.

Table 2-6 presents the average annual rate of change in transactions and revenue on the Turnpike over the past five full fiscal years. Passenger car transactions and revenue have experienced average annual declines of 0.9 percent and 1.2 percent, respectively. Commercial transactions and revenue have fared somewhat better, posting gains of 0.9 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively. Although passenger car transactions outnumber commercial vehicle transactions by nearly four to one, commercial vehicles account for over half of Turnpike revenue. Therefore, the steep decline in passenger car revenue is nearly offset by a more modest increase in commercial vehicle revenue, resulting in an overall decline in revenues of only 0.2 percent per year between FY 2004 and FY 2008, while transactions declined by 0.5 percent per year.

Table 2-6 Average Annual Growth FY 2004 - FY 2008		
Vehicle Type	Transactions	Revenue
Passenger Vehicles	-0.9%	-1.2%
Commercial Vehicles	0.9	0.7
Average	-0.5	-0.2

Figure 2-4 presents monthly passenger car and commercial vehicle transaction trends for Fiscal Years 2007, 2008, and the first eight months of FY 2009. Among passenger cars, relatively stagnant growth over the first half of FY 2008 gave way to significant declines in traffic, with eight straight months of year-over-year declines beginning in April 2008. Commercial traffic in FY 2007 was already lower than most of the same months of the previous fiscal year, and the trend has accelerated since. In FY 2008, nine out of twelve months saw commercial vehicle transaction



declines over the previous year, and the annual total change over the prior year was drop of almost 3.2 percent.

Over the first eight months of FY 2009, both passenger car and commercial vehicle transactions and revenue are down significantly when compared to the previous fiscal year. Between July 2008 and February 2009 passenger car transactions and revenues declined by 2.4 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively, over the prior year. Commercial vehicle transactions are down 10.1 percent compared to the previous year, resulting in a decline in revenues of 10.4 percent. Commercial vehicle transactions in FY 2009 are down over the prior year for every month to date.

Transaction data in recent months has indicated diverging trends between passenger cars and commercial vehicles. Beginning in December of 2008, passenger vehicle transactions have returned to positive growth compared with the same months of the prior year, with monthly growth rates of between 5 and 10 percent. Commercial vehicle transactions, on the other hand, have declined at even steeper rates as a whole, reflecting the deepening recession. Since August 2008, monthly commercial vehicle transactions have declined by 5 percent or more every month compared with the same months in the prior year, with the steepest decline in January 2009, when transactions dropped by more than 19 percent over the same month in 2008. Clearly the contraction in the economy and the impact on demand for goods has resulted in a significant reduction in commercial traffic on the Turnpike.

PAYMENT METHOD MARKET SHARES

Using Turnpike transaction and revenue data provided by the Authority, WSA estimated the share of Turnpike transactions using cash, E-ZPass, and the PACC program. For forecasting purposes, it was necessary to break out the market share by vehicle type (passenger cars versus commercial vehicles), vehicle origin (West Virginia versus out-of-state), and plaza type (Mainline versus North Beckley). The results are presented in Table 2-7. The split between in-state and out-of-state E-ZPass usage was provided by the Authority. To estimate the share of in-state and out-of-state cash transactions, WSA assumed an average total share of in-state traffic of 46 percent, based on the weighted average of weekday and weekend shares of in-state traffic determined from data gathered from the 2005 traveler survey.

The estimated market share results indicate that less than 2 percent of all transactions are attributable to in-state E-ZPass users, likely because the Turnpike does not offer a per-transaction E-ZPass discount but does offer a substantial discount for commuters through the PACC program. Indeed, a large proportion of West Virginia E-ZPass transactions are likely attributable to PACC users driving through a plaza for which they have not purchased an annual plan. In general, higher proportions of out-of-state users and commercial vehicle operators utilize E-ZPass, while in-state users and passenger car operators favor cash and the PACC program.

Table 2-7
Market Share Percentages By Method of Payment

Table 2-7 Market Share Percentages By Method of Payment								
Category	Cash			E-Zpass			PACC	Total
	WV ⁽¹⁾	Non-WV ⁽¹⁾	Subtotal	WV ⁽¹⁾	Non-WV ⁽¹⁾	Subtotal		
Mainline Plazas								
Passenger Vehicles	36.0	49.1	85.1	1.9	4.8	6.7	8.2	100.0
Commercial Vehicles	28.8	10.2	39.0	17.3	43.7	61.0	-	100.0
North Beckley Plaza								
Passenger Vehicles	20.2	49.8	70.0	1.6	4.0	5.6	24.4	100.0
Commercial Vehicles	31.0	15.6	46.6	15.2	38.2	53.4	-	100.0
<hr/> ⁽¹⁾ WV = West Virginia.								

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CHAPTER 3

■ CORRIDOR GROWTH ASSESSMENT

Socioeconomic factors are key drivers that generally influence traffic demand growth and travel behavior nationwide, and specifically along the West Virginia Turnpike. As part of this study, WSA reviewed national and regional socioeconomic indicators that may have influenced traffic growth on the West Virginia Turnpike in the past and which may continue to do so in the future. Data addressing national and regional socioeconomic historic trends and projections were researched and reviewed to better understand the study corridor from a socioeconomic context.

As traffic on the West Virginia Turnpike is regional in nature, rather than predominately influenced by local users only, it is relevant to consider not only the socioeconomic dynamics pertaining to West Virginia and the counties buffering the Turnpike, but also the socioeconomic dynamics pertaining to the surrounding region of influence. According to travel survey results conducted by WSA in May 2005, 41 percent of all motorists making trips during a typical weekday at the mainline barrier plazas have vehicles registered in West Virginia. Surrounding West Virginia, travelers with vehicle registrations in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina are also well-represented on the Turnpike. In aggregate, vehicle registrations of travelers from these five states (including West Virginia) account for nearly 74 percent of all weekday Turnpike trips. Because of the preponderance of out-of-state travelers on the Turnpike (over half of all average weekday trips), the following socioeconomic analysis considers the broader geographic region, inclusive of the above-noted bordering states, as well as Kentucky (included because of the relative proximity to the corridor). Socioeconomic data pertaining to the United States are also provided for benchmark comparative purposes.

POPULATION

Below, in Table 3-1, are the historical population trends and future projections for the four counties in the Turnpike corridor and the relevant

Table 3-1
Population Trends and Projections
Influence Area of West Virginia

Region	1990	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2000	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2007	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2010	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2015	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2020	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2025	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2030	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	'07 to '30
West Virginia Counties																	
Kanawha Co.	47,952	-0.1%	47,579	-0.4%	46,334	-0.1%	46,231	0.0%	46,137	0.0%	46,122	0.0%	46,143	0.0%	46,173	0.0%	0.0%
Kanawha Co.	207,619	-0.4%	200,073	-0.6%	191,306	-0.2%	190,023	-0.2%	188,195	-0.2%	186,682	-0.1%	185,305	-0.1%	183,951	-0.2%	-0.2%
Mercer Co.	64,980	-0.3%	62,980	-0.4%	61,350	0.0%	61,266	0.0%	61,231	0.0%	61,308	0.0%	61,439	0.0%	61,588	0.0%	0.0%
Raleigh Co.	76,819	0.3%	79,220	0.0%	79,170	0.2%	79,549	0.2%	80,315	0.2%	81,224	0.2%	82,205	0.2%	83,210	0.2%	0.2%
County Total	397,370	-0.2%	389,852	-0.4%	378,160	-0.1%	377,069	-0.1%	375,878	0.0%	375,336	0.0%	375,092	0.0%	374,922	0.0%	0.0%
West Virginia and Traffic Influencing (Surrounding) States																	
Region	1990	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2000	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2008	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2010	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2015	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2020	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2025	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2030	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	'08 to '30
Kentucky	3,686,892	0.9%	4,041,769	0.7%	4,269,245	0.0%	4,265,117	0.4%	4,351,188	0.3%	4,424,431	0.3%	4,489,662	0.3%	4,554,998	0.3%	0.3%
North Carolina	6,632,448	2.0%	8,049,313	1.7%	9,222,414	0.7%	9,345,823	1.4%	10,010,770	1.4%	10,709,289	1.3%	11,449,153	1.3%	12,227,739	1.3%	1.3%
Ohio	10,847,115	0.5%	11,353,140	0.1%	11,485,910	0.4%	11,576,181	0.1%	11,635,446	0.0%	11,644,058	-0.1%	11,605,738	-0.1%	11,550,528	0.0%	0.0%
Pennsylvania	11,882,842	0.3%	12,281,054	0.2%	12,448,279	0.5%	12,584,487	0.2%	12,710,938	0.1%	12,787,354	0.0%	12,801,945	-0.1%	12,768,184	0.1%	0.1%
Virginia	6,189,197	1.4%	7,078,515	1.2%	7,769,089	1.5%	8,010,245	1.1%	8,466,864	1.0%	8,917,395	1.0%	9,364,304	1.0%	9,825,019	1.1%	1.1%
West Virginia	1,793,477	0.1%	1,808,344	0.0%	1,814,468	0.4%	1,829,141	-0.1%	1,822,758	-0.2%	1,801,112	-0.4%	1,766,435	-0.5%	1,719,959	-0.2%	-0.2%
Regional Total	41,031,971	0.8%	44,612,135	0.7%	47,009,405	0.6%	47,610,994	0.6%	48,997,964	0.5%	50,283,639	0.5%	51,477,237	0.5%	52,646,427	0.5%	0.5%
United States	248,790,925	1.2%	281,421,906	1.0%	304,059,724	0.8%	308,935,581	0.9%	322,365,787	0.8%	335,804,546	0.8%	349,439,199	0.8%	363,584,435	0.8%	0.8%

AAGR⁽¹⁾: Average Annual Growth Rate

Sources (data as of March 2009):

Historical Counties (1990, 2000, and 2007), and States and Nation (1990, 2000, and 2008): Population Division, United States Census Bureau

Projected Counties (2010 through 2030): Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. 2008

Projected States and Nation (2010 through 2030): Interim State Population Projections, 2005: Population Division, United States Census Bureau

six states. Counties comprising the Turnpike corridor, which include Fayette, Kanawha, Mercer, and Raleigh combined, have exhibited a decline in population between 1990 and 2007, with an average annual rate of decline amounting to 0.2 percent in the decade spanning 1990 and 2000, and a further average annual decrease between 2000 and 2007 measuring 0.4 percent per year, according to the United States Census Bureau. Of the four individual counties, only Raleigh County is the exception in terms of historical population change, exhibiting an actual population increase between 1990 and 2000; however, that growth stagnated between 2000 through 2007, amounting to no measurable increase or decrease. Relative to West Virginia, which experienced a population increase between 1990 and 2000 and no measurable change between 2000 and 2008, the individual counties comprising the corridor have not conformed to the statewide trends. West Virginia has increased in historical statewide population by about 21,000 between 1990 and 2008, a cumulative rate of growth of 1.2 percent over that entire historical time period.

Projections for the corridor area are expected to continue to follow the historical population trend, with no appreciable increase or decrease in population for the combined counties through 2030. In 2007 the population for the combined counties was about 378,000; by 2030, that figure is expected to decline by about 3,000 to 375,000, a cumulative total rate of decline of 0.9 percent.

At an individual county basis, Raleigh County's population is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 0.2 percent through 2030, consistent with the historical trend, while Kanawha County is expected to lose population, with an average annual decline of 0.2 percent over the same future horizon. Both Mercer and Fayette Counties are expected to remain relatively unchanged in population through 2030.

Historically, all of the surrounding states which could impact traffic volumes on the Turnpike have experienced rates of population growth that have exceeded the growth rate within West Virginia. Of the five comparison states, only Ohio and Pennsylvania have experienced historical population changes at rates similar to those of West Virginia, both with less than 0.5 percent average annual growth between 1990 and 2008. The six states of primary traffic influence experienced a combined average annual population growth rate of 0.8 percent between 1990 and 2000 and 0.7 percent between 2000 and 2008.

Projections of West Virginia's population indicate an expected decline from 2008 through 2030, at an average annual rate of 0.2 percent and a cumulative population loss of 95,000 persons. In comparison, the

surrounding comparison states are expected to gain in population with the exception of Ohio, which is slated to remain relatively flat. On a geographically aggregated basis, the comparison states (including West Virginia) are expected to increase in population at an average annual rate of 0.5 percent through 2030, a rate that is slightly below the projected national average annual population growth rate of 0.8 percent over the same time horizon.

EMPLOYMENT

Historical employment trends and projections are presented below in Table 3-2 for the same geographies as presented for population, i.e., the four corridor counties, West Virginia, and the five surrounding states that generate significant Turnpike traffic, along with the national benchmark.

Employment in West Virginia has increased from 783,000 in 1990 to 922,000 in 2007, at an average annual growth rate of between 1.3 percent between 1990 and 2000 and 0.6 percent from 2000 to 2007, indicating that the rate of employment growth has slowed in recent years. Counties comprising the corridor, in aggregate, have experienced a similar growth trend as West Virginia as a whole, with a combined average annual growth rate of 1.6 percent between 1990 and 2000, and a rate of zero between 2000 and 2006. On an individual county basis, Fayette and Raleigh Counties have outpaced the rate of growth for the other two counties in recent history. Kanawha and Mercer Counties have actually experienced employment decreases recently, with average annual rates of decline measuring 0.4 percent for both counties between 2000 and 2006.

Similarly to the historical population trends, the historical employment trends for West Virginia and the counties comprising the corridor have underperformed relative to the same trend measure for the entire nation.

Of the five surrounding comparison states, North Carolina has exhibited the greatest historic employment growth rate, surpassing the national employment growth rate. Both Virginia and Kentucky have also exhibited strong employment growth between 1990 and 2000, with Virginia continuing to exhibit strong employment growth through 2007, while Kentucky has slowed. In the seven years spanning 2000 through 2007, the average annual rates of employment growth for Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia were all 0.6 percent. Of the remaining surrounding states, only Ohio exhibited an employment growth rate that lagged behind West Virginia's growth between 2000 and 2007. Combined, the six states have exhibited historical employment growth rates that are below that of the nation, with average annual growth rates between 1990 and 2000

Table 3-2
Total Employment Trends and Projections
Influence Area of West Virginia

Region	1990	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2000	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2006	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2010	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2015	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2020	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2025	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2030	AAGR ⁽¹⁾ '06 to '30
West Virginia Counties																
Fayette Co.	14,677	1.2%	16,541	0.6%	17,123	1.1%	17,873	1.0%	18,828	1.0%	19,809	1.0%	20,809	1.0%	21,823	1.0%
Kanawha Co.	119,419	1.5%	138,849	-0.4%	135,783	1.2%	142,497	1.2%	151,206	1.2%	160,261	1.1%	169,647	1.1%	179,347	1.2%
Mercer Co.	27,402	0.8%	29,748	-0.4%	28,991	0.4%	29,407	0.3%	29,869	0.3%	30,261	0.2%	30,588	0.2%	30,841	0.3%
Raleigh Co.	29,602	2.7%	38,555	1.5%	42,052	1.1%	43,886	1.0%	46,222	1.0%	48,615	1.0%	51,058	1.0%	53,548	1.0%
County Total	191,100	1.6%	223,693	0.0%	223,949	1.1%	233,663	1.0%	246,125	1.0%	258,946	1.0%	272,102	1.0%	285,559	1.0%
West Virginia and Traffic Influencing (Surrounding) States																
Region	1990	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2000	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2007	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2010	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2015	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2020	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2025	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2030	AAGR ⁽¹⁾ '07 to '30
Kentucky	1,918,471	2.0%	2,332,023	0.6%	2,439,287	1.3%	2,537,797	1.1%	2,674,326	1.0%	2,817,259	1.0%	2,966,626	1.0%	3,122,580	1.1%
North Carolina	3,928,125	2.3%	4,924,918	1.5%	5,459,346	0.9%	5,606,433	1.4%	5,995,977	1.4%	6,419,238	1.4%	6,879,319	1.4%	7,379,530	1.3%
Ohio	5,904,767	1.5%	6,835,688	0.0%	6,828,905	1.6%	7,161,380	1.0%	7,509,907	0.9%	7,872,779	0.9%	8,250,299	0.9%	8,642,830	1.0%
Pennsylvania	6,342,434	1.0%	6,973,171	0.6%	7,294,374	1.4%	7,607,443	1.0%	8,015,061	1.0%	8,443,607	1.0%	8,893,830	1.0%	9,366,390	1.1%
Virginia	3,726,176	1.7%	4,407,324	1.6%	4,930,591	1.4%	5,142,216	1.4%	5,523,307	1.5%	5,936,709	1.5%	6,385,722	1.5%	6,874,080	1.5%
West Virginia	782,852	1.3%	886,620	0.6%	922,127	1.6%	965,863	1.0%	1,015,634	1.0%	1,067,397	1.0%	1,121,083	1.0%	1,176,726	1.1%
Regional Total	22,602,825	1.5%	26,359,744	0.8%	27,874,630	1.4%	29,021,132	1.2%	30,734,212	1.2%	32,556,989	1.2%	34,496,879	1.2%	36,562,136	1.2%
United States	139,380,900	1.8%	166,758,800	1.2%	180,941,800	1.1%	187,088,401	1.2%	198,640,326	1.2%	210,905,689	1.2%	223,927,959	1.2%	237,754,596	1.2%

AAGR⁽¹⁾: Average Annual Growth Rate

Sources (data as of March 2009):

Historical Counties (1990, 2000, and 2006), and States and Nation (1990, 2000, and 2007): United States Bureau of Economic Analysis; Regional Economic Information System
Projected Counties, States, and Nation (2010 through 2030): Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. 2008

measuring 1.5 percent and equating to 0.8 percent, on average, between 2000 and 2007. Nationally, employment has increased by 1.8 and 1.2 percent, respectively, for the periods spanning 1990 to 2000 and from 2000 to 2007.

Employment projections through 2030 predict growth for the counties comprising the corridor at a combined average of 1.0 percent annually. Kanawha County is expected to lead the four counties, with a forecast employment growth trend measuring an average annual 1.2 percent increase through 2030. Fayette and Raleigh Counties are expected to exhibit growth trends equating to the four-county average, while Mercer County is expected to exhibit a slow 0.3 percent average annual employment growth rate.

In the future, employment growth in West Virginia (estimated at 1.1 percent on average, annually through 2030) is projected to be very close to the national annual average of 1.2 percent. Virginia will continue its strong numbers with an annual growth of 1.5 percent, followed by North Carolina (1.3 percent). In aggregate, the six states are expected to have an identical average annual growth pattern as the nation (AAGR of 1.2 percent) between 2007 and 2030.

UNEMPLOYMENT

While the previous section identifies the longer term trends in changes in employment, recent economic circumstances have drastically altered the employment and unemployment situation throughout the nation. Listed below in Table 3-3 are the recent unemployment figures for the pertinent counties and states which may impact traffic using the Turnpike.

As indicated in Table 3-3, at the national level and for a majority of the states with traffic influence on the Turnpike, unemployment rates declined somewhat from the average monthly levels in 2004, and have subsequently increased within the last year, with particularly sharp increases in all geographies in January 2009. West Virginia was the exception to this trend in 2008, with the average monthly unemployment unchanged from the previous year, which had steadily declined from the levels in 2004. On a monthly basis, this trend does not hold as readily as do the annual unemployment rate changes. As the economic situation in the nation has deteriorated lately, the actual, seasonally unadjusted monthly unemployment rate in all geographies with traffic influence on the corridor has steadily increased, particularly since September 2008, with the most marked jump in the unemployment rate occurring from December 2008 to January 2009.

Table 3-3
Unemployment Rate Trends (Seasonally Unadjusted)
Influence Area of West Virginia

Region	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*	2008*	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09
West Virginia Counties										
Fayette Co.	6.1%	5.7%	5.4%	5.4%	5.0%	3.6%	3.7%	4.3%	4.7%	6.5%
Kanawha Co.	4.7%	4.7%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.4%	4.7%
Mercer Co.	5.6%	4.9%	4.7%	4.3%	4.5%	3.4%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	5.4%
Raleigh Co.	5.3%	4.6%	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	5.0%
County Total	5.1%	4.8%	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%	3.3%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	5.1%
Region	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*	2008*	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09
West Virginia and Traffic Influencing (Surrounding) States										
Kentucky	5.6%	6.1%	5.9%	5.6%	6.4%	6.5%	6.3%	6.7%	7.6%	9.5%
North Carolina	5.5%	5.3%	4.7%	4.7%	6.3%	6.4%	6.9%	7.7%	8.4%	10.3%
Ohio	6.2%	5.9%	5.4%	5.6%	6.5%	6.6%	6.6%	6.9%	7.7%	9.7%
Pennsylvania	5.4%	5.0%	4.5%	4.4%	5.4%	5.2%	5.4%	5.9%	6.4%	7.7%
Virginia	3.7%	3.5%	3.0%	3.0%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.6%	5.1%	6.4%
West Virginia	5.3%	4.9%	4.6%	4.3%	4.3%	3.6%	3.7%	4.0%	4.4%	6.2%
Regional Total	5.4%	5.1%	4.7%	4.6%	5.7%	5.6%	5.8%	6.3%	6.9%	8.6%
United States	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%	4.6%	5.8%	6.0%	6.1%	6.5%	7.1%	8.5%

*note: average monthly unemployment rate

Sources (data as of March 2009):

Historical Counties (except January, 2009) and States: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics; Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Historical Counties (January, 2009): Workforce West Virginia; Research, Information, and Analysis (March, 4, 2009)

Historical National Data: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey

West Virginia is currently experiencing the lowest unemployment rate of all the comparable states, and below that of the nation as a whole, with unemployment in January⁽¹⁾ measuring 6.2 percent. The nation as a whole experienced an 8.5 percent unemployment rate at that time and the combined weighted average unemployment for all the six traffic-influencing states measured 8.6 percent, just slightly higher than the nation. A higher unemployment rate for the combined six states is attributable to particularly high unemployment rates in Kentucky, Ohio, and North Carolina, measuring 9.5, 9.7, and 10.3 percent, respectively.

⁽¹⁾ Note that the released unemployment figures by the BLS for January 2009, at the time of the data collection, are preliminary numbers, subject to future revision.

Although unemployment has increased in West Virginia, as for all other states and the nation, the increase has not been as pronounced as elsewhere, suggesting that West Virginia's unemployment rate is subject to less economic volatility than the rest of the nation.

Of the counties that comprise the corridor area, Fayette County has consistently exhibited higher unemployment rates than the other three counties, while Kanawha County consistently exhibits the lowest. In aggregate, the unemployment rate at the corridor county level has been below that of West Virginia as a whole.

RETAIL SALES

Table 3-4 shows historical and future projections of retail sales trends. In the decade spanning 1990 to 2000, the counties comprising the corridor as well as the state of West Virginia experienced real growth in retail sales slightly below the national average annual growth rate of 2.9 percent. While the combined six traffic-influencing states experienced an average annual real growth in retail sales (AAGR of 3.2 percent) slightly above the national rate, West Virginia experienced lower growth than the aggregated states or the national rate, with an average annual increase of 2.7 percent. In the years following 2000, all geographies universally experienced a decrease in real retail sales growth relative to the preceding decade, with the national rate declining to 1.4 percent on average through 2008, the six state-aggregated region to 1.6 percent on average through 2006, and West Virginia experiencing an average annual real increase of 1.2 percent through 2006.

Counties comprising the corridor have experienced historical real growth in retail sales at average annual rates below that of West Virginia as a whole, with an aggregated average of 2.6 percent between 1990 and 2000 and 0.4 percent between 2000 and 2006.

Forecasts of real retail sales growth for West Virginia and the relevant constituent counties estimate that the rate of real growth will follow the historical trend in that the growth in each geography is estimated to generally fall below the estimated real growth for the nation as a whole. Between 2008 and 2030, the nation is projected to increase real retail sales at an average annual rate of 2.0 percent, whereas retail sales in West Virginia are forecast to increase at an average annual rate of 1.2 percent between 2006 and 2030, with the counties comprising the corridor, in aggregate, appreciating at 0.9 percent per year.

Table 3-4
Retail Sales Trends and Projections
Influence Area of West Virginia

Region	1990	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2000	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2006	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2010	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2015	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2020	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2025	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2030	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	06 to '30
West Virginia Counties																	
Fayette Co.	\$ 303.12	2.5%	\$ 387.51	0.2%	\$ 393.18	0.5%	\$ 400.65	1.0%	\$ 421.14	1.0%	\$ 443.71	1.1%	\$ 468.70	1.1%	\$ 496.27	1.1%	1.0%
Kanawha Co.	\$ 2,268.77	2.5%	\$ 2,905.86	0.1%	\$ 2,930.46	0.3%	\$ 2,965.42	0.8%	\$ 3,093.40	0.9%	\$ 3,234.01	0.9%	\$ 3,389.44	1.0%	\$ 3,560.25	1.0%	0.8%
Mercer Co.	\$ 613.31	2.3%	\$ 771.36	1.3%	\$ 831.32	0.6%	\$ 851.50	1.0%	\$ 896.36	1.1%	\$ 945.88	1.1%	\$ 1,000.85	1.2%	\$ 1,061.59	1.2%	1.0%
Raleigh Co.	\$ 720.24	3.3%	\$ 995.23	0.7%	\$ 1,036.91	0.8%	\$ 1,070.83	1.2%	\$ 1,138.76	1.3%	\$ 1,213.75	1.3%	\$ 1,297.02	1.4%	\$ 1,389.19	1.4%	1.2%
County Total	\$ 3,905.43	2.6%	\$ 5,059.95	0.4%	\$ 5,191.87	0.5%	\$ 5,288.39	1.0%	\$ 5,549.66	1.0%	\$ 5,837.35	1.1%	\$ 6,156.01	1.1%	\$ 6,507.29	1.1%	0.9%
*note: in millions of constant 2004 dollars																	
Region	1990	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2000	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2006	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2010	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2015	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2020	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2025	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2030	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	06 to '30
West Virginia and Traffic Influencing (Surrounding) States																	
Kentucky	\$ 30,003.45	3.5%	\$ 42,386.13	1.6%	\$ 46,510.35	1.2%	\$ 48,823.35	1.7%	\$ 53,054.00	1.7%	\$ 57,720.85	1.7%	\$ 62,897.94	1.8%	\$ 68,634.93	1.8%	1.6%
North Carolina	\$ 60,923.86	4.4%	\$ 93,275.78	2.3%	\$ 106,918.00	2.0%	\$ 115,542.09	2.2%	\$ 128,770.45	2.2%	\$ 143,355.07	2.2%	\$ 159,526.74	2.2%	\$ 177,461.36	2.2%	2.1%
Ohio	\$ 95,290.31	3.0%	\$ 128,010.34	1.0%	\$ 135,815.78	0.7%	\$ 139,727.18	1.3%	\$ 149,031.30	1.3%	\$ 159,296.17	1.4%	\$ 170,686.52	1.4%	\$ 183,293.51	1.4%	1.3%
Pennsylvania	\$ 108,110.02	2.5%	\$ 138,392.92	1.2%	\$ 148,749.15	0.9%	\$ 153,918.00	1.4%	\$ 165,137.05	1.5%	\$ 177,513.50	1.5%	\$ 191,245.50	1.5%	\$ 206,450.93	1.5%	1.4%
Virginia	\$ 59,544.53	3.3%	\$ 82,633.88	2.4%	\$ 95,377.26	1.9%	\$ 102,760.68	2.5%	\$ 116,065.59	2.4%	\$ 130,724.93	2.4%	\$ 146,970.37	2.3%	\$ 164,986.47	2.3%	2.3%
West Virginia	\$ 13,498.45	2.7%	\$ 17,681.22	1.2%	\$ 19,000.08	0.7%	\$ 19,545.03	1.2%	\$ 20,790.03	1.3%	\$ 22,163.61	1.3%	\$ 23,687.59	1.4%	\$ 25,373.63	1.4%	1.2%
Regional Total	\$ 367,370.63	3.2%	\$ 502,380.27	1.6%	\$ 552,370.61	1.2%	\$ 580,316.33	1.7%	\$ 632,848.42	1.8%	\$ 690,774.12	1.8%	\$ 755,014.66	1.8%	\$ 826,200.81	1.8%	1.7%
*note: in millions of constant 2004 dollars																	
United States	\$ 2,718.56	2.9%	\$ 3,613.69	1.4%	\$ 3,925.95	2.1%	\$ 3,801.98	2.0%	\$ 4,196.09	2.0%	\$ 4,630.84	2.0%	\$ 5,113.10	2.0%	\$ 5,647.91	2.0%	2.0%
*note: in billions of constant 2004 dollars																	

AAGR⁽¹⁾: Average Annual Growth Rate

*note: the AAGR for 2008 to 2010 and 2008 to 2030 for the nation are based on 2008 Woods and Poole Economics, 2008 data, as the U.S. Census and W&P data for that year differ slightly. Sources (data as of March, 2009):

Historical/Nation: United States Census Bureau; Time Series Data Monthly Retail Sales & Seasonal Factors 1992 - 2009 (note that 1992 is the earliest year of consistent data for this variable from the same source)
Historical/Counties and States: and Projected Counties, States, and Nation: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. 2008 (2006 is the last year of actual historical data in the 2008 data series)

Of the surrounding states, only North Carolina and Virginia are anticipated to have a real growth in retail sales in the future exceeding the estimated growth rate for the nation as a whole. West Virginia, of the compared states, is projected to have the smallest annual rate of real growth in retail sales.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Table 3-5 shows historical and projected household income trends. Income information is presented for the four counties that comprise the Turnpike, the six states of traffic influence (including West Virginia), and the U.S. as a whole. Mean household income in 2006, the latest year of historically available data, was \$69,400 for the aggregated four-county corridor area, higher than the West Virginia statewide average of \$62,700, expressed in constant 2004 dollar terms. In aggregate, the states in the traffic-influencing region averaged \$80,000 in 2006. West Virginia's mean household income was the lowest among the six states, and all of the surrounding states except Virginia (\$93,400) had a mean income in 2006 below the national average of almost \$89,000. These relative positions have not changed since 1990 when the county corridor weighted average stood at \$54,300, West Virginia statewide average was \$49,900, the regional weighted average was \$64,700, and the national average was \$69,400. Overall, the corridor counties and West Virginia as a whole grew slower than the other geographies throughout the 1990s, but then outpaced these other geographies between 2000 and 2006.

Through 2030, both the corridor's and West Virginia's mean household incomes are projected to grow at an annual average rate of 1.4 percent per year, higher than all the other geographies under consideration except for the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania, which are estimated to grow at an average rate of 1.4 percent annually, as well.

ECONOMIC OUTPUT - GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is defined as the total value of goods and service produced in an economy over a time period, typically a year. Gross State Product (GSP) is equivalent to GDP at a state level. Both GSP and GDP broadly capture economic activity in their respective geographies over a specified time period and are used as a method of measuring the health of the statewide and national economy, respectively. Table 3-6 presents trends in Gross Domestic Product for the nation as whole as well as each of the six states (GSP). Gross Regional Product (GRP), which is the equivalent measure to the GDP/GSP but at a substate

Table 3-5
Mean Household Income Trends and Projections (in constant 2004 dollars)
Influence Area of West Virginia

Region	1990	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2000	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2006	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2010	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2015	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2020	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2025	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2030	AAGR ⁽¹⁾ '06 to '30
West Virginia Counties																
Fayette Co.	\$ 40,528	1.7%	\$ 47,931	2.0%	\$ 54,086	1.3%	\$ 56,873	1.7%	\$ 61,787	1.9%	\$ 67,792	2.0%	\$ 74,821	2.1%	\$ 83,022	1.8%
Kanawha Co.	\$ 60,330	1.7%	\$ 71,299	1.5%	\$ 78,138	0.5%	\$ 79,858	1.2%	\$ 84,810	1.5%	\$ 91,364	1.7%	\$ 99,299	1.8%	\$ 108,698	1.4%
Mercer Co.	\$ 50,167	0.9%	\$ 54,651	1.2%	\$ 58,878	0.5%	\$ 59,969	1.1%	\$ 63,405	1.3%	\$ 67,782	1.5%	\$ 72,914	1.6%	\$ 78,791	1.2%
Raleigh Co.	\$ 48,870	1.4%	\$ 56,244	2.1%	\$ 63,839	0.9%	\$ 66,129	1.4%	\$ 70,813	1.6%	\$ 76,568	1.7%	\$ 83,220	1.8%	\$ 90,868	1.5%
County Average ²	\$ 54,262	1.5%	\$ 62,962	1.6%	\$ 69,362	0.6%	\$ 71,162	1.3%	\$ 75,755	1.5%	\$ 81,669	1.7%	\$ 88,704	1.8%	\$ 96,943	1.4%
West Virginia and Traffic Influencing (Surrounding) States																
Kentucky	\$ 54,213	1.9%	\$ 65,588	0.7%	\$ 68,307	0.6%	\$ 69,869	1.1%	\$ 73,780	1.3%	\$ 78,895	1.5%	\$ 85,004	1.6%	\$ 92,146	1.3%
North Carolina	\$ 59,443	2.1%	\$ 73,392	0.3%	\$ 74,745	0.1%	\$ 75,099	0.9%	\$ 78,527	1.2%	\$ 83,351	1.4%	\$ 89,313	1.5%	\$ 96,448	1.1%
Ohio	\$ 65,584	1.5%	\$ 76,326	0.2%	\$ 77,099	0.7%	\$ 79,156	1.2%	\$ 84,179	1.5%	\$ 90,593	1.6%	\$ 98,163	1.7%	\$ 106,951	1.4%
Pennsylvania	\$ 68,365	1.6%	\$ 80,312	1.0%	\$ 85,108	0.6%	\$ 87,299	1.2%	\$ 92,828	1.5%	\$ 99,938	1.6%	\$ 108,364	1.8%	\$ 118,197	1.4%
Virginia	\$ 72,315	1.8%	\$ 86,044	1.4%	\$ 93,449	0.3%	\$ 94,720	0.9%	\$ 99,042	1.2%	\$ 105,201	1.4%	\$ 112,897	1.6%	\$ 122,198	1.1%
West Virginia	\$ 49,857	1.4%	\$ 57,047	1.6%	\$ 62,679	0.7%	\$ 64,450	1.2%	\$ 68,436	1.4%	\$ 73,534	1.6%	\$ 79,571	1.7%	\$ 86,586	1.4%
Regional Average ²	\$ 64,675	1.7%	\$ 76,601	0.7%	\$ 80,027	0.5%	\$ 81,634	1.1%	\$ 86,261	1.4%	\$ 92,351	1.5%	\$ 99,661	1.7%	\$ 108,256	1.3%
United States	\$ 69,389	2.0%	\$ 84,344	0.9%	\$ 88,847	0.4%	\$ 90,137	1.0%	\$ 94,854	1.3%	\$ 101,268	1.5%	\$ 109,082	1.6%	\$ 118,359	1.2%

AAGR⁽¹⁾: Average Annual Growth Rate

²Calculated Weighted Average by the Number of Households per Geography

Sources (data as of March 2009):

Historical and Projected Counties, States, and Nation: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. 2008 (2006 is the last year of actual historical data in the 2008 data series)

Table 3-6
Gross Regional Product Trends and Projections
Influence Area of West Virginia

Incidence Area of West Virginia												
Region	West Virginia Counties											
	1990	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2000	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2006	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2010	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2015	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2020	AAGR ⁽¹⁾
Fayette Co.	\$ 643.19	1.1%	\$ 714.02	2.3%	\$ 820.53	1.9%	\$ 885.28	2.2%	\$ 988.43	2.2%	\$ 1,102.81	2.2%
Kanawha Co.	\$ 6,685.53	2.2%	\$ 8,309.52	1.4%	\$ 9,035.68	2.3%	\$ 9,894.88	2.3%	\$ 11,017.91	2.3%	\$ 12,392.06	2.2%
Mercer Co.	\$ 1,253.69	1.1%	\$ 1,404.81	0.6%	\$ 1,457.24	1.3%	\$ 1,533.80	1.4%	\$ 1,642.87	1.3%	\$ 1,755.48	1.3%
Raleigh Co.	\$ 1,402.75	2.9%	\$ 1,872.01	4.1%	\$ 2,378.17	1.9%	\$ 2,565.30	2.1%	\$ 2,846.89	2.1%	\$ 3,153.66	2.0%
County Total	\$ 9,985.16	2.1%	\$ 12,300.36	1.8%	\$ 13,691.63	2.1%	\$ 14,879.26	2.2%	\$ 16,556.10	2.1%	\$ 18,404.00	2.1%
*note: in millions of constant 2004 dollars												
Region	1990	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2000	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2007	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2010	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2015	AAGR ⁽¹⁾	2020	AAGR ⁽¹⁾
West Virginia and Traffic Influencing (Surrounding) States												
Kentucky	\$ 89,203	3.2%	\$ 122,752	2.0%	\$ 141,279	2.1%	\$ 150,477	2.1%	\$ 167,118	2.1%	\$ 185,576	2.1%
North Carolina	\$ 190,428	4.7%	\$ 300,241	3.0%	\$ 368,297	2.3%	\$ 394,186	2.3%	\$ 442,011	2.3%	\$ 496,153	2.4%
Ohio	\$ 301,583	3.1%	\$ 408,083	0.7%	\$ 429,189	1.9%	\$ 460,936	1.9%	\$ 507,398	1.9%	\$ 558,417	1.9%
Pennsylvania	\$ 334,763	2.5%	\$ 427,404	1.7%	\$ 478,435	2.1%	\$ 521,815	2.1%	\$ 578,230	2.1%	\$ 640,861	2.1%
Virginia	\$ 206,151	3.3%	\$ 286,030	3.0%	\$ 352,078	2.5%	\$ 384,767	2.5%	\$ 435,947	2.5%	\$ 494,161	2.5%
West Virginia	\$ 36,431	3.2%	\$ 45,498	1.2%	\$ 49,554	2.1%	\$ 57,357	2.1%	\$ 63,586	2.1%	\$ 70,456	2.1%
Regional Total	\$ 1,158,559	3.2%	\$ 1,590,009	1.9%	\$ 1,818,832	2.2%	\$ 1,969,538	2.2%	\$ 2,194,290	2.2%	\$ 2,445,625	2.2%
*note: in millions of constant 2004 dollars												
United States	\$ 7,612.75	3.5%	\$ 10,694.57	2.3%	\$ 12,579.62	0.3%	\$ 12,704.78	3.5%	\$ 15,115.01	2.4%	\$ 17,021.61	2.2%
note: in billions of constant 2004 dollars												

AAGR⁽¹⁾: Average Annual Growth Rate

*note: All the county and state levels the AAGR for 2007 to 2010 and 2007 to 2030 are based on 2007 Woods and Poole Economics, 2008 data.

At the national level, the AACR for the 2007 through 2019 period is based on the Congressional Budget Office, and the 2019 through 2030 the Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. rates are applied note. At the county and state levels the AACR for 2007 to 2019 and 2007 to 2030 are based on 2007 Woods and Poole Economics, 2009 data.

Sources (data as of March 2009):

Historical Counties and Protected Counties, and States: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. 2008 (2006 is the last year of actual historical data in the 2008 data series)

Historical States and Nation: Bureau of Economic Accounts (1990 data are based on SIC industry classification scheme, 2000 and 2007 data are based on NAICS)

Projected and estimated for the Nation: Congressional Budget Office, the Budget and Economic Outlook: January 2009 - for years 2007-2019; andn Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. 2008- for years 2020-2030

level, is also presented in Table 4-6 for the four corridor counties. Historical data are provided for years 1990, 2000, and 2007 (2006 at the county level), each data year expressed in year 2004 dollar terms for ease of tracking real output growth.

As shown in Table 3-6, the aggregated corridor county GRP grew at an average annual rate of 2.1 percent per year between 1990 and 2000, slightly below the statewide growth rate of 2.2 percent per year. Both the corridor and West Virginia statewide growth in economic output were lower than the aggregated six-state region's rate of 3.2 percent per year, and the national rate of 3.5 percent through the 1990s. Growth in economic output slowed at all levels between 2000 and 2006, with similar relative relationships between the corridor, West Virginia, surrounding states, and the nation.

Future (through 2030) real economic output forecasted by Woods & Poole Economics, Inc.⁽²⁾ for both the corridor counties and West Virginia statewide are estimated to grow at an average of 2.1 percent annually. This rate is slightly below that of all the surrounding states except Ohio, and the national average, projected at a 2.3 percent average annual rate, based on a Congressional Budget Office/W&P blended rate.

The overall current macroeconomic outlook for West Virginia and the United States economies are subject to uncertainty and on-going revisions, but the current severe economic weakness is likely to continue through the remainder of 2009, with an expected stabilization the following year, and resumed economic growth starting to recover and revert back towards the longer-term potential trajectory beyond that.

FUEL PRICES

The cost of fuel and energy in general is significant because of the impact it has on both consumers (passenger car) and on suppliers (commercial shipping). Fuel and other energy costs rose significantly throughout 2007, and through most of 2008. Retail gasoline prices peaked in July of 2008, at \$4.11 per gallon⁽³⁾ for regular unleaded gasoline (national average), but since the peak, prices have dropped by a considerable 60 percent to around \$1.61 in late December 2008, with the world market crude oil prices experiencing an 80 percent decline from the July peak through the recent low in late December 2008. More recently, average gasoline prices have

⁽²⁾ Woods and Pool does not guarantee the accuracy of this data. The use of this data and the conclusions drawn are solely the responsibility of Wilbur Smith Associates.

⁽³⁾ Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy.

settled under \$2 per gallon (national average), and crude oil is trading in world markets at close to \$50 per barrel.

A drastic decline in liquid fuel prices is mainly attributable to a significant drop in demand for fuel and other commodities that have been associated with the on-going severe recession and financial markets' instability since the second half of 2008. Going forward, it is likely that as the national and global economies recover, energy prices will tend to revert to an upward trend as well, all else being equal. Motorist sensitivity to changes in fuel costs is difficult to isolate and quantify, but it is likely that while short-term gasoline price fluctuations may not have significant implications on motorists' transportation preferences, sustained high fuel costs could change behavior.

CONCLUSION

Economic forecasts for the region illustrate the challenges that face West Virginia as a whole, and the Turnpike, in particular. A significant indicator is the long-term forecast of flat or declining population in the State, while forecasts of employment, retail sales, household income, and others show positive, albeit lower growth trends (relative to the other geographies). A declining population would ordinarily signal a potential decline in traffic levels, but stronger expected performance in other economic variables would signal an increase. The growth rates of the most pertinent variables for the surrounding states illustrate reasonable growth that is near the national averages, with some exceptions depending on the geography.

The Turnpike's traffic base is mixed, in that it has both an intrastate and a significant interstate component. With the high number of interstate trips identified in the 2005 traffic survey, it is likely that total traffic levels will continue to be influenced by the economies of other states, and not just by West Virginia. It is reasonable, therefore, to expect continued, but slightly lower overall growth in traffic on the Turnpike as compared to historical trends and previous forecasts.

CHAPTER 4

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC AND REVENUE

This chapter contains the results of the traffic and revenue analysis and the long-term forecast of traffic and gross toll revenue on the Turnpike under various toll rate scenarios involving differing levels of toll increases and toll discount assumptions..

BASIC ASSUMPTIONS

Traffic and revenue forecasts included in this report are predicated on the following basic assumptions:

1. The West Virginia Turnpike and its feeder routes will be well maintained, efficiently operated, and effectively signed and promoted in order to encourage maximum usage. A reduced level or lack of maintenance could adversely affect the usage of the Turnpike;
2. Population, employment, and other socioeconomic trends within the influence area of the Turnpike will be in accordance with the projections discussed in this report;
3. No new competing freeway or major arterial facilities, tolled or toll-free, will be constructed during the forecast period;
4. The toll rate schedules will be in accordance with the scenarios discussed in this chapter;
5. E-ZPass electronic toll collection will continue to be available to all motorists using the Turnpike;
6. The PACC discount program will continue in its current form throughout the forecast period. Annual fees to participate in the PACC program were assumed to remain unchanged throughout the forecast;
7. No national, regional, or local emergency will arise which would abnormally restrict the usage of motor vehicles during the forecast period; and
8. Motor fuel will remain in adequate supply during the forecast period and price increases over the long term will not significantly outpace inflation.

Any departure from these basic assumptions could materially impact the traffic and toll revenue forecasts.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

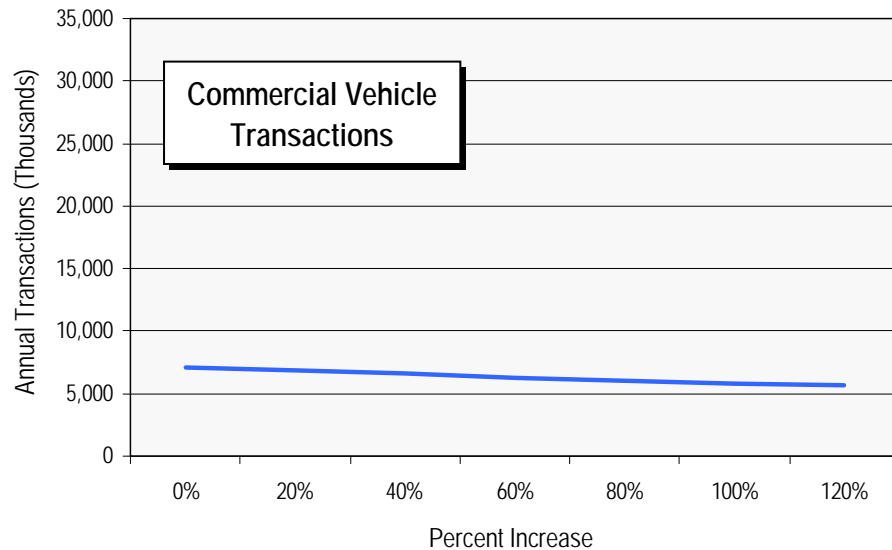
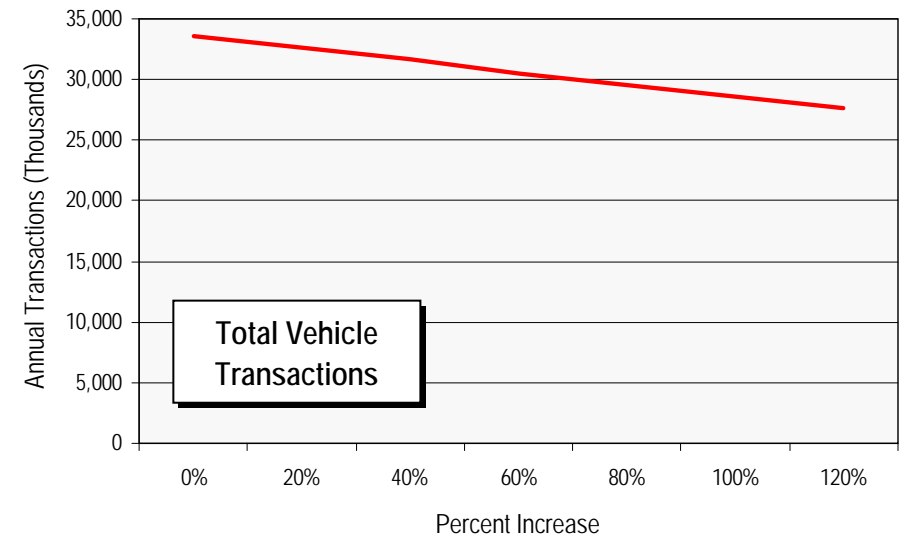
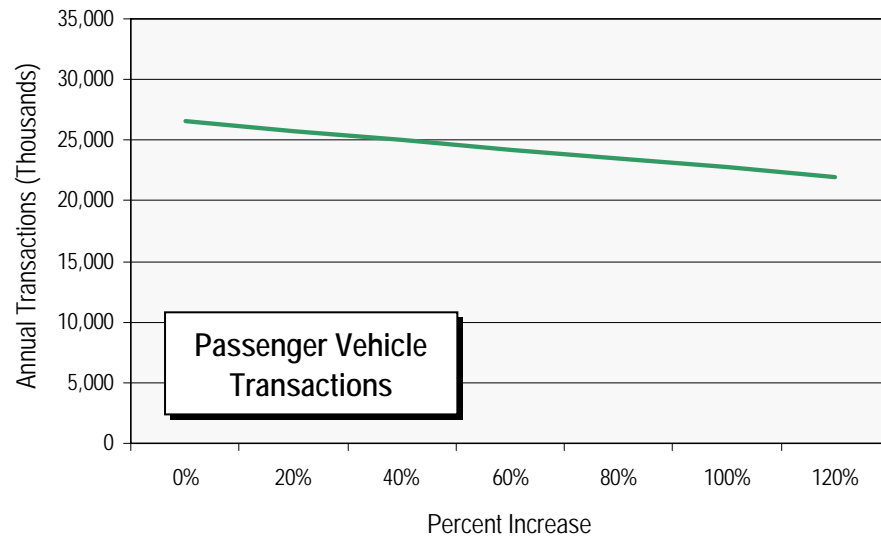
The State Transportation Improvement Program was reviewed to identify any projects that may influence future traffic and revenue on the Turnpike. There were no plans identified for non-Turnpike projects that would influence Turnpike usage. The Turnpike is currently in a maintenance program and based upon discussions with the Turnpike, no widening or interchange projects are assumed to take place during the forecast period.

TOLL SENSITIVITY

A toll sensitivity analysis was conducted for the Turnpike in the 2005 Traffic and Revenue Study using a travel demand model enhanced with survey trip data which included the actual origins and destinations of trips made by motorists using the Turnpike. For this study, we utilized the toll sensitivity analysis from that study which calculated traffic retention factors for toll increases ranging from 20 to 120 percent over existing rates. There is no new trip information to suggest that travel patterns have significantly changed or that the retention factors would be different from those estimated during the 2005 study.

Figures 4-1 and 4-2 provide graphic displays of the toll revenue sensitivity for passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles over this range of toll increases. These toll sensitivity curves have been updated to reflect FY 2010 transaction and revenue estimates. For passenger vehicles, the 2-axle toll rate is displayed along the x-axis, while for commercial vehicles, the 5-axle toll rate is displayed. Table 4-1 summarizes the results of this analysis by showing the decreases in traffic and increases in revenue as the toll rates are increased.

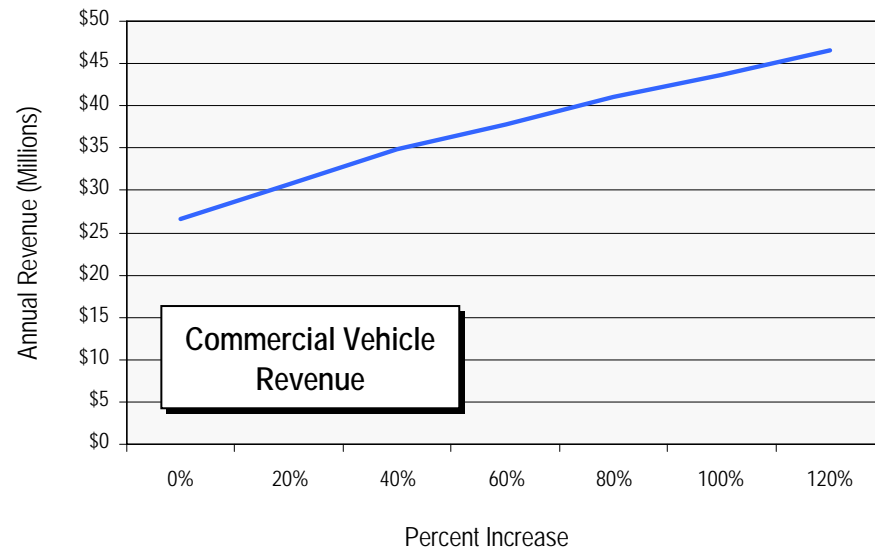
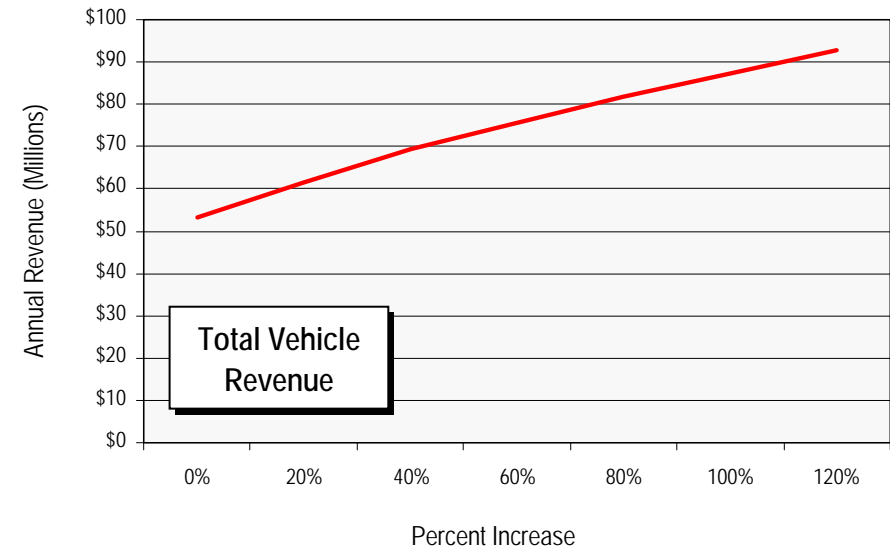
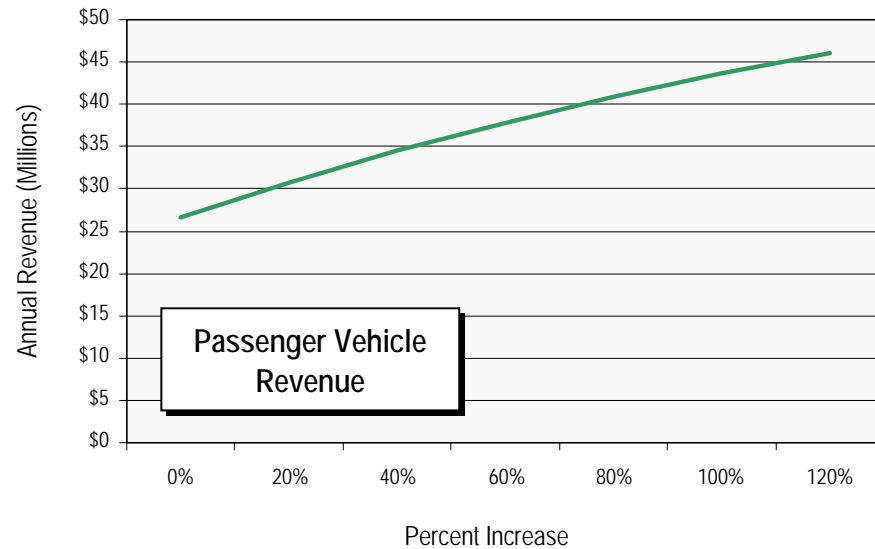
This analysis demonstrates that total toll revenue will increase at a greater rate than the rate of traffic loss due to the higher toll. For example, a 60 percent increase in the average toll rates would result in approximately a 10 percent decrease in traffic and a 42 percent realization (gain) in total revenue. That is, although there would be a 10 percent loss of traffic, the remaining 90 percent of the traffic would still generate 42 percent more total revenue at the 60 percent higher toll rate in comparison to the traffic at the existing toll rate. If existing tolls were increased by 120 percent, the analysis indicates that the revenue realization would be 74 percent, with an 18 percent decrease in traffic.



Notes:

1. Includes PACC transactions and revenue and assumes PACC fees, PACC transactions, and PACC revenues remain constant under all scenarios.
2. Sensitivity values are based on unrounded toll rates. Actual transaction and revenue will be slightly different as a result of the need to round cash tolls to the nearest \$0.25 (\$0.05 at the North Beckley Ramp Plaza) and due to diversion from cash to E-ZPass and PACC.

ESTIMATED TOLL TRANSACTION SENSITIVITY WEST VIRGINIA TURNPIKE

Notes:

1. Includes PACC transactions and revenue and assumes PACC fees, PACC transactions, and PACC revenues remain constant under all scenarios.
2. Sensitivity values are based on unrounded toll rates. Actual transaction and revenue will be slightly different as a result of the need to round cash tolls to the nearest \$0.25 (\$0.05 at the North Beckley Ramp Plaza) and due to diversion from cash to E-ZPass and PACC.

ESTIMATED TOLL REVENUE SENSITIVITY
WEST VIRGINIA TURNPIKE

FIGURE 4-2

Table 4-1
Toll Sensitivity
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority

Percent Increase Over Current Toll Rate	Annual Traffic (1) (Thousands)					Annual Revenue (1) (Thousands)				
	Percent Change from Base					Percent Change from Base				
	Passenger Vehicles	Commercial Vehicles	Total Vehicles	Passenger Vehicles	Total Vehicles	Passenger Vehicles	Commercial Vehicles	Total Vehicles	Passenger Vehicles	Total Vehicles
0	26,546	7,069	33,615	-2.9	-3.0	\$26,656	\$26,613	\$53,268	+15.3	+15.6
20	25,775	6,831	32,606	-5.8	-6.4	30,745	30,840	61,585	+29.3	+30.1
40	25,010	6,616	31,626	-9.0	-9.4	34,471	34,824	69,296	+41.5	+41.8
60	24,158	6,290	30,447	-11.7	-12.2	37,730	37,788	75,518	+53.1	+53.7
80	23,442	6,085	29,527	-14.3	-15.0	40,815	41,081	81,896	+63.8	+63.9
100	22,742	5,823	28,565	-17.1	-17.7	43,663	43,625	87,289	+72.6	+73.9
120	21,995	5,663	27,657			45,999	46,639	92,638		

(1) Includes PACC transactions and revenue and assumes PACC fees. PACC revenues remain constant under all scenarios.

(2) Sensitivity values are based on unrounded toll rates. Actual transactions and revenue will be different as a result of the need to round cash tolls to the nearest \$0.25 (\$0.05 at the North Beckley Ramp Plaza) and due to diversion from cash to EZPass and PACC.

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC AND REVENUE

A range of traffic and revenue forecasts were prepared based on the sensitivities indicated in the previous section. Table 4-2 shows the toll rate assumptions for each scenario. A Base Case forecast was developed that assumed the current toll rate structure remained. In addition, 10 toll increase scenarios were developed that included variations on the amount of a discount that would be provided to West Virginia E-ZPass customers. For all scenarios, PACC fees were assumed to remain unchanged.

**Table 4-2
Toll Scenarios Analyzed
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism
Authority**

Scenario	Percent Toll Increase	West Virginia E-ZPass Percent Discount
Base	0	0
A	20 Cars / 30 Trucks	10
B	40	0
B1	40	15
B2	40	25
C	60	0
C1	60	15
C2	60	25
D	80	0
D1	80	15
D2	80	25

No increase in PACC fees for all scenarios.

Table 4-3 displays the 2-axle passenger vehicle and 5-axle commercial vehicle toll rates for the current toll rate structure and for each of the scenarios evaluated. Cash rates were rounded to the nearest \$0.25 at the mainline toll plazas and to the nearest \$0.05 at the Beckley ramp plaza. Any discount for West Virginia E-ZPass customers was applied to the rounded toll rate and then rounded to the nearest penny. For example, under Scenario A, a 2-axle passenger vehicle paying with cash or using a non-West Virginia E-ZPass transponder would see their toll rate increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50 at each of the mainline plazas. A 10 percent toll rate discount for West Virginia E-ZPass customers would result in their toll rate increasing from \$1.25 to \$1.35, which is an 8 percent increase over their existing toll rate. PACC fees were not assumed to increase for any of the scenarios.

The 5-axle commercial vehicle rate under Scenario A would increase from the current \$4.25 to \$5.50, a 29 percent increase. Commercial traffic with a West Virginia E-ZPass transponder would receive a 10 percent discount, resulting in a toll of \$4.95. Each toll increase scenario includes an assumption with regard to the amount of current cash and non-West Virginia E-ZPass customers that would shift into the PACC/E-ZPass programs. This shift assumption is reflective of newly created West Virginia E-ZPass discounts, and of the increasing price differential between the PACC program and paying cash for each transaction, which reduces the number of trips needed to “break even,” thereby making the PACC program more desirable for those who currently do not participate.

BASE CASE SCENARIO

There is significant uncertainty that currently exists with respect to the severity and length of the current U.S. and global recession. Predicting the end of the recession and its effect on the performance of the Turnpike is challenging, given the unique nature of the current economic downturn. Current opinion suggests this recession may conclude by the end of calendar year 2009. Also in question is the type and duration of recovery that will be experienced by the U.S. and more importantly, by the Turnpike, West Virginia, and the surrounding states. In the short term, we expect economic conditions during the rest of calendar year 2009 to remain weak, with a stabilizing and initial recovery occurring during calendar year 2010.

In estimating transactions and revenue for the remaining months of FY 2009, we reviewed the latest monthly transaction data through March 25, 2009. Beginning in December of 2008, passenger vehicle transactions have shown positive growth as compared to those same months of the prior year. For the remainder of FY 2009, we anticipate this trend to continue, particularly since the spring and early summer of calendar year

Table 4-3
Toll Schedules for Proposed Toll Increase Scenarios
Passenger Cars and 5-axis Trucks
West Virginia Turnpike -- Mainline Plazas and North Beckley Ramp Plaza

Toll Increase Scenarios				Class 1 (2-axle Car)				Class 8 (5-axle Truck)			
Scenario	Nominal Base Toll Increase	WV E-ZPass Discount	Base Toll	Percent Increase	WV E-ZPass	Percent Increase	Base Toll	Percent Increase	WV E-ZPass	Percent Increase	
Base	0%	No Discount	\$1.25	0	\$1.25	0	\$4.25	0	\$4.25	0	
A	20% Cars / 30% Trucks	10%	1.50	20	1.35	8	5.50	29	4.95	16	
B	40%	No Discount	1.75	40	1.75	40	6.00	41	6.00	41	
B1	40%	15%	1.75	40	1.49	19	6.00	41	5.10	20	
B2	40%	25%	1.75	40	1.31	5	6.00	41	4.50	6	
C	60%	No Discount	2.00	60	2.00	60	6.75	59	6.75	59	
C1	60%	15%	2.00	60	1.70	36	6.75	59	5.74	35	
C2	60%	25%	2.00	60	1.50	20	6.75	59	5.06	19	
D	80%	No Discount	2.25	80	2.25	80	7.75	82	7.75	82	
D1	80%	15%	2.25	80	1.91	53	7.75	82	6.59	55	
D2	80%	25%	2.25	80	1.69	35	7.75	82	5.81	37	

Mainline Plazas

Toll Increase Scenarios				Class 1 (2-axle Car)				Class 8 (5-axle Truck)			
Scenario	Nominal Base Toll Increase	WV E-ZPass Discount	Base Toll	Percent Increase	WV E-ZPass	Percent Increase	Base Toll	Percent Increase	WV E-ZPass	Percent Increase	
Base	0%	No Discount	\$0.25	0	\$0.25	0	\$1.00	0	\$1.00	0	
A	20% Cars / 30% Trucks	10%	0.30	20	0.27	8	1.30	30	1.17	17	
B	40%	No Discount	0.35	40	0.35	40	1.40	40	1.40	40	
B1	40%	15%	0.35	40	0.30	20	1.40	40	1.19	19	
B2	40%	25%	0.35	40	0.26	4	1.40	40	1.05	5	
C	60%	No Discount	0.40	60	0.40	60	1.60	60	1.60	60	
C1	60%	15%	0.40	60	0.34	36	1.60	60	1.36	36	
C2	60%	25%	0.40	60	0.30	20	1.60	60	1.20	20	
D	80%	No Discount	0.45	80	0.45	80	1.80	80	1.80	80	
D1	80%	15%	0.45	80	0.38	52	1.80	80	1.53	53	
D2	80%	25%	0.45	80	0.34	36	1.80	80	1.25	25	

North Beckley Ramp Plaza

Note: Base tolls in each scenario are rounded to the nearest \$0.25 at each mainline plaza, and to the nearest \$0.05 at the North Beckley ramp plaza. WV E-ZPass tolls are rounded to the nearest \$0.01.

2008 were heavily impacted by the surge in fuel prices. This surge in fuel price had a significant impact on VMT nationwide and the Turnpike. Significant increases in travel costs will typically impact non-discretionary travel the most. Overall, we estimate passenger car transactions to decrease by 0.9 percent for FY 2009.

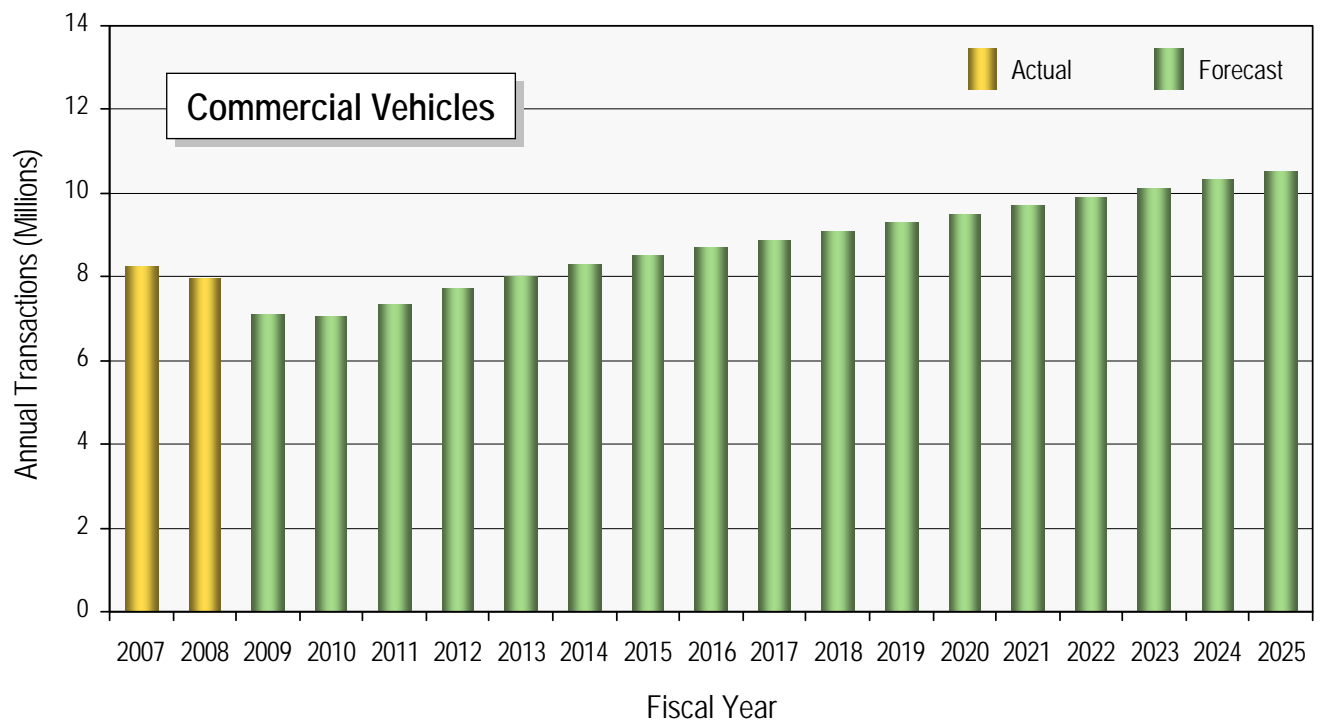
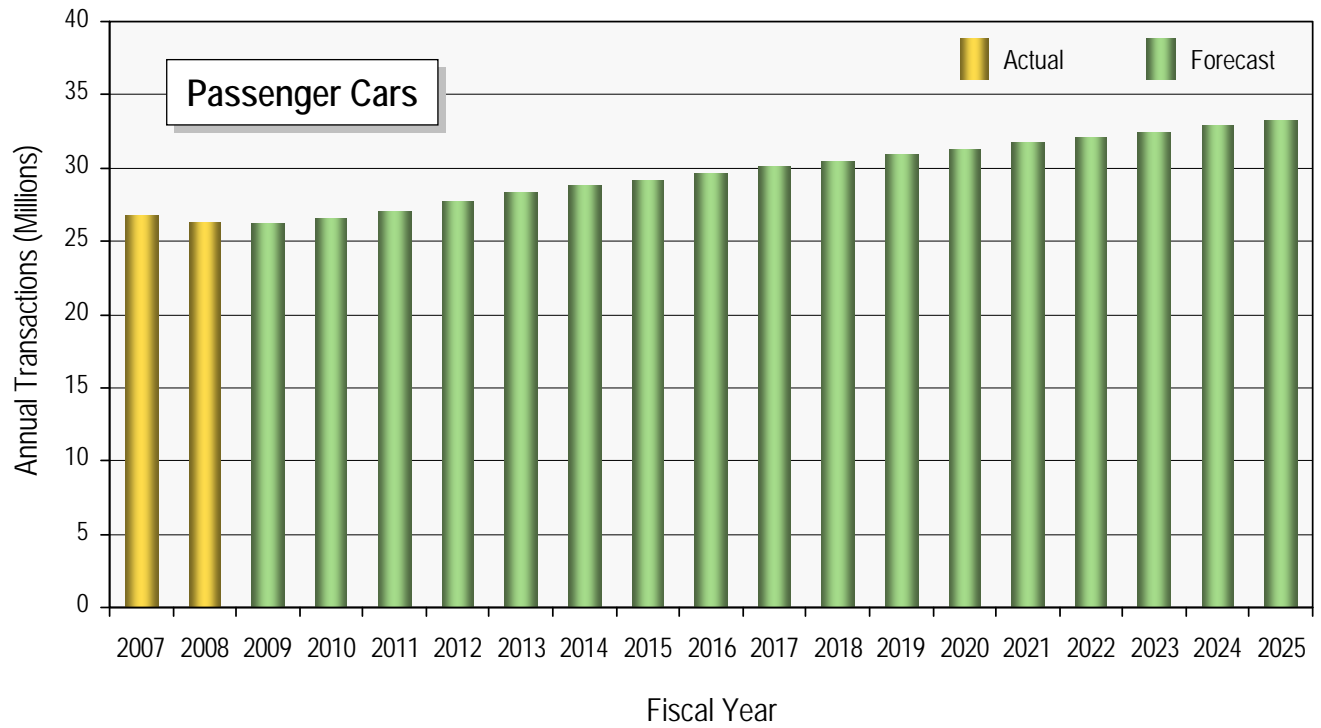
In the second half of FY 2009, commercial vehicle transactions on the Turnpike have shown a significant increase in the negative trends since January, with reductions of 19 percent and 13 percent in January and February of 2009 at the mainline plazas. March data indicates a continuation of this trend. Clearly the contraction of the economy and the impact on demand for goods has resulted in a significant reduction in commercial traffic on the Turnpike. We assume this trend will continue through the remainder of FY 2009 and into the first half of FY 2010, albeit at a less severe rate. Overall, we estimate commercial vehicle transactions to be down by 11 percent for FY 2009.

In total, we estimate total transactions and toll revenue to be 33.3 million and \$53.0 million, respectively, for FY 2009. This is a decline of 3.3 percent in transactions and 5.7 percent in toll revenue from FY 2008 levels.

We estimate that overall recovery will begin to occur during the second half of FY 2010 and estimate toll revenue will be 0.5 percent higher than FY 2009. We have assumed a growth schedule for FY 2011 through FY 2014 that reflects a period of recovery in transaction and revenue growth, particularly for commercial vehicles, since they have been negatively impacted the most by the current recession. Beyond FY 2014 we revert to previous long-term growth forecasts consistent with those in recent studies.

The Base Case forecast of annual transactions is displayed in Figure 4.3. As shown, we expect passenger vehicle transactions to be slightly lower in FY 2009 as compared to FY 2008. We estimate that a positive trend will emerge in passenger vehicle transactions for FY 2010. The long-term forecasted average growth rate from FY 2009 through FY 2025 for passenger vehicle transactions is 1.5 percent per year.

Commercial vehicle transactions are estimated to decline by more than 11 percent in FY 2009, as compared with FY 2008. We estimate commercial transactions will decline slightly (0.5 percent) for FY 2010, as compared with FY 2009. A positive trend and recovery in commercial vehicle transactions is estimated to occur in FY 2011, with estimated transactions by FY 2014 reaching levels experienced in FY 2007. The long-term forecasted average growth rate from FY 2009 through FY 2025 for



commercial vehicle transactions is 2.5 percent per year, reflecting the assumed recovery that is expected to occur in commercial vehicle traffic and the fact that commercial vehicle traffic on the Turnpike has historically grown at a higher rate than passenger vehicles.

TOLL INCREASE SCENARIOS

Ten scenarios were tested based on across-the-board increases in cash and E-ZPass toll rates and varying discounts for West Virginia E-ZPass customers. We have assumed that any toll increase would be implemented on July 1, 2009, the beginning of the FY 2010. Table 4-4 presents our FY 2010 estimates of transactions and revenue for the Base Case and each toll scenario. Each toll scenario is compared against the Base Case level of transactions and revenue to demonstrate the loss of traffic and gain in revenue that would be expected for each toll increase scenario. The PACC rates, which allow unlimited travel for various plazas, were not changed. Under the toll increase scenarios, it was further assumed that a percentage of cash and non-West Virginia E-ZPass customers would switch to West Virginia E-ZPass or to the PACC program to take advantage of discounted rates. Our assumed shifts are shown in the column identified as “Shift to Electronic Toll Collection (ETC)”. We assume an increasing shift as the differentials between the base toll rate and the PACC and West Virginia E-ZPass rates increase.

Tables 4-5 and 4-6 present the long-term forecasts of transactions and revenue, respectively, for the Base Case and each toll increase scenario. Toll transactions would be highest under the Base Case forecast, reaching an estimated 43.8 million transactions by 2025, and the lowest under Scenario D, reaching an estimated 38.5 million transactions by 2025. Scenario D has the highest toll increase of any of the scenarios presented and also provides no discount for E-ZPass customers. The inverse relationship holds for revenue potential of the scenarios evaluated, where the Base Case would result in the lowest revenue levels, reaching an estimated \$73.2 million by 2025, and the highest levels under Scenario D, reaching an estimated \$112.0 million by 2025. For any toll increase, a discount policy would be required for West Virginia E-ZPass customers. Toll increase scenarios showing a no discount policy were evaluated in order to demonstrate the potential revenue loss of such a program.

Figure 4-4 illustrates the results graphically for the Base Case, Scenario A, the “no discount” scenarios (B,C,D), and for the 25 percent discount scenarios (B2,C2,D2). FY 2010 shows the decrease in transactions and the increase in toll revenue that would be expected under each of the toll increase scenarios as compared to the Base Case, before returning to the same long-term growth rate trend assumed in the Base Case forecast.

Table 4-4
Summary of FY 2010 Forecast
West Virginia Turnpike

Scenario	Toll Increase Scenarios			Percent Shift to Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) (1)	Transaction Summary (000s)			Revenue Summary (\$000s)		
	Nominal Base Toll Percent Increase	WV E-ZPass Percent Discount	No Discount		TOTAL Transactions	Net Change	Percent Change	TOTAL Revenue	Net Change	Percent Change
Base	0			-	33,615	0	0	53,268	0	0
A	20 Cars / 30 Trucks	10		4.0	32,555	-1,060	-3	62,739	9,471	18
B	40	No Discount		5.0	31,635	-1,981	-6	69,149	15,880	30
B1	40	15		5.5	31,700	-1,915	-6	68,206	14,938	28
B2	40	25		6.0	31,748	-1,867	-6	67,513	14,244	27
C	60	No Discount		7.5	30,519	-3,097	-9	74,751	21,482	40
C1	60	15		8.0	30,619	-2,996	-9	73,853	20,585	39
C2	60	25		8.5	30,674	-2,941	-9	73,072	19,804	37
D	80	No Discount		10.0	29,598	-4,017	-12	81,355	28,086	53
D1	80	15		10.5	29,695	-3,921	-12	80,288	27,019	51
D2	80	25		11.0	29,777	-3,838	-11	79,534	26,266	49

(1) Shift to ETC includes current cash and non-West Virginia E-ZPass customers that are expected to shift to West Virginia E-Zpass or the PACC program as a result of the toll increases and related discount programs.

Table 4-5
Annual Transactions Forecast, FY 2009 through FY 2025
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority

Scenario	Thousands of Transactions											
	Base		A		B		B1		B2		C	
	Nominal Base Toll Increase	0%	20% Cars / 30% Trucks	10%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	60%	60%
WV E-ZPass Discount	Shift to Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) (1)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
		Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount
FY 2009		33,259	N/A	4.0%	5.0%	5.5%	5.5%	6.0%	6.0%	7.5%	8.0%	8.5%
FY 2010		33,615	32,555		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FY 2011		34,352	33,267		31,635	31,700	31,748	30,519	30,619	30,674	29,598	29,777
FY 2012		35,407	34,286		32,327	32,394	32,444	31,185	31,289	31,345	30,243	30,428
FY 2013		36,303	35,152		33,318	33,388	33,440	32,139	32,247	32,306	31,167	31,359
FY 2014		37,064	35,887		34,159	34,232	34,286	32,949	33,062	33,122	31,951	32,150
FY 2015		37,678	36,480		34,874	34,949	35,004	33,637	33,753	33,815	32,617	32,822
FY 2016		38,302	37,084		35,451	35,527	35,583	34,193	34,311	34,375	33,155	33,364
FY 2017		38,938	37,698		36,038	36,116	36,173	34,758	34,879	34,944	33,702	33,916
FY 2018		39,546	38,286		36,635	36,714	36,773	35,333	35,456	35,523	34,259	34,477
FY 2019		40,163	38,883		37,286	37,369	37,429	36,442	36,570	36,639	34,792	35,014
FY 2020		40,791	39,489		37,886	37,969	38,029	36,833	36,966	37,036	35,333	35,560
FY 2021		41,389	40,067		38,376	38,460	38,522	37,010	37,141	37,211	35,883	36,114
FY 2022		41,996	40,654		38,938	39,023	39,086	37,551	37,684	37,756	36,407	36,642
FY 2023		42,613	41,249		39,508	39,595	39,659	38,100	38,236	38,308	36,938	37,178
FY 2024		43,210	41,826		40,087	40,176	40,241	38,658	38,796	38,870	37,478	37,722
FY 2025		43,816	42,412		40,648	40,738	40,805	39,198	39,338	39,414	38,001	38,249
					41,217	41,309	41,377	39,746	39,889	39,966	38,531	38,784

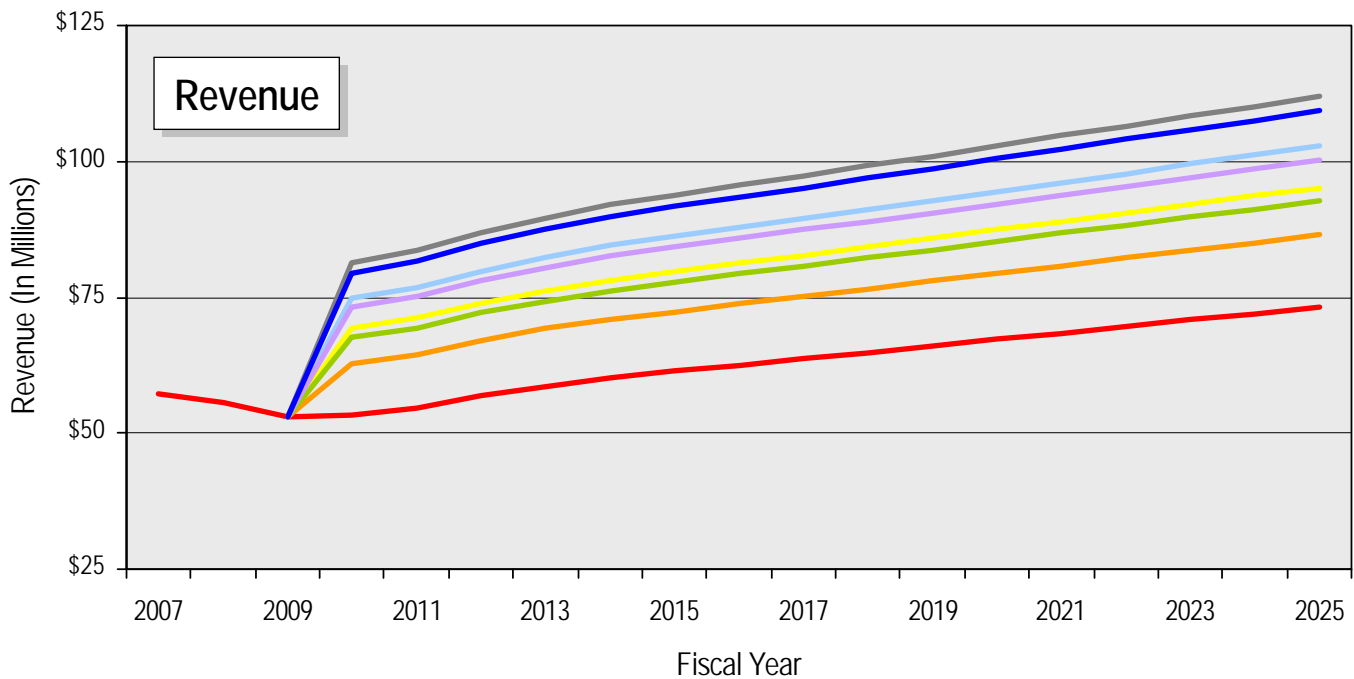
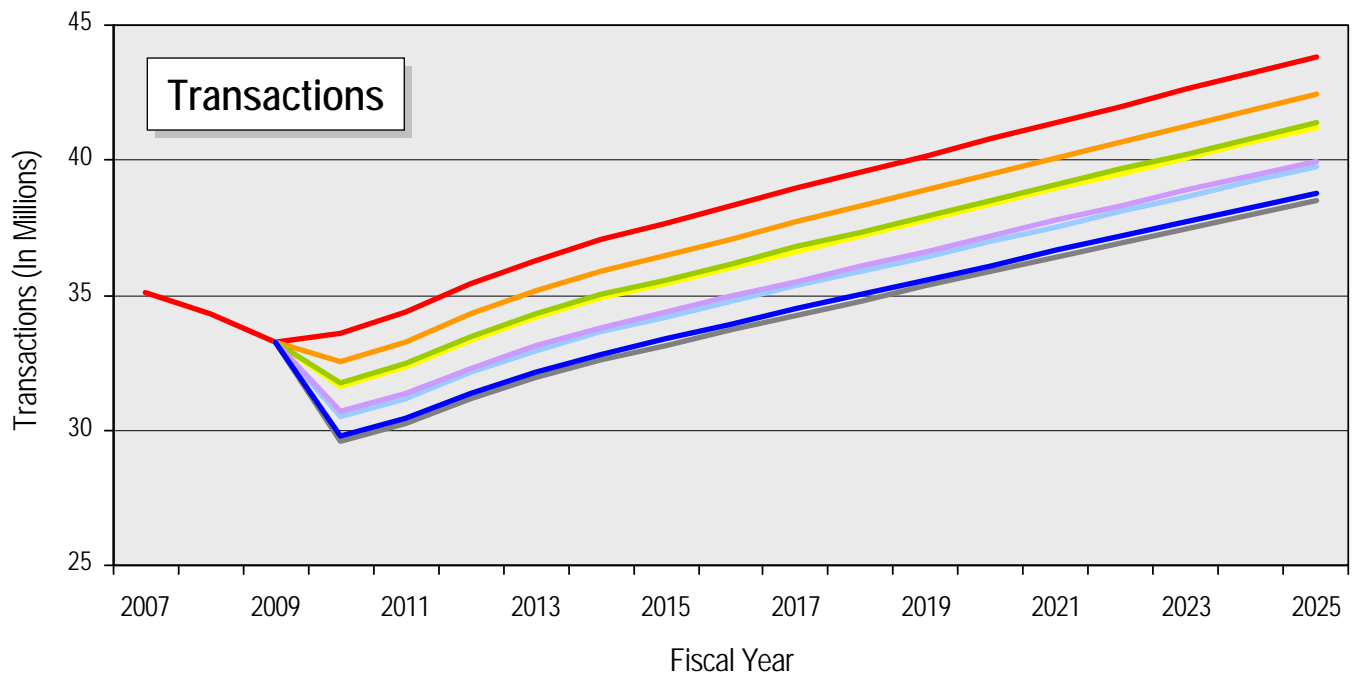
(1) Shift to ETC includes current cash and non-West Virginia E-ZPass customers that are expected to shift to West Virginia E-ZPass or the PACC program as a result of the toll increases and related discount programs.

Table 4-6
Annual Revenue Forecast, FY 2009 through FY 2025
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority

Thousands of Dollars

Scenario	Base	A		B		B1		B2		C		C1		C2		D		D1		D2	
		20% Cars / 30% Trucks		40%		40%		40%		60%		60%		60%		80%		80%		80%	
Nominal Base Toll Increase	0%	10%		No Discount		15%		25%		No Discount		15%		25%		No Discount		15%		25%	
WV E-ZPass Discount	No	10%		No Discount		15%		25%		No Discount		15%		25%		No Discount		15%		25%	
Shift to Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) (1)	-	4.0%		5.0%		5.5%		6.0%		7.5%		8.0%		8.5%		10.0%		10.5%		11.0%	
FY 2009	\$53,008	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	
FY 2010	53,268	\$62,739		\$69,149		\$68,206		\$67,513		\$74,751		\$73,853		\$73,072		\$81,355		\$80,288		\$79,534	
FY 2011	54,798	64,563		71,146		70,169		69,450		76,904		75,974		75,165		83,710		82,604		81,823	
FY 2012	56,887	67,047		73,870		72,847		72,095		79,843		78,870		78,023		86,921		85,764		84,947	
FY 2013	58,653	69,146		76,172		75,111		74,331		82,327		81,318		80,439		89,634		88,434		87,587	
FY 2014	60,203	70,993		78,196		77,099		76,294		84,509		83,467		82,560		90,780		89,606		88,906	
FY 2015	61,358	72,363		79,700		78,579		77,757		86,132		85,068		84,141		93,791		92,525		91,632	
FY 2016	62,536	73,760		81,234		80,089		79,248		87,788		86,700		85,753		95,599		94,305		93,393	
FY 2017	63,737	75,186		82,799		81,628		80,770		89,477		88,365		87,398		97,443		96,120		95,188	
FY 2018	64,898	76,565		84,312		83,118		82,241		91,110		89,976		88,988		99,226		97,877		96,925	
FY 2019	66,082	77,971		85,855		84,635		83,740		92,775		91,617		90,609		101,044		99,666		98,695	
FY 2020	67,289	79,404		87,428		86,182		85,269		94,472		93,290		92,260		102,897		101,490		100,499	
FY 2021	68,452	80,786		88,943		87,673		86,741		96,107		94,902		93,852		104,683		103,248		102,238	
FY 2022	69,635	82,193		90,486		89,191		88,240		97,772		96,543		95,472		106,502		105,038		104,008	
FY 2023	70,841	83,625		92,058		90,736		89,767		99,468		98,214		97,121		108,354		106,861		105,810	
FY 2024	72,011	85,016		93,584		92,237		91,249		101,114		99,836		98,723		110,152		108,631		107,560	
FY 2025	73,202	86,432		95,136		93,763		92,757		102,789		101,487		100,353		111,982		110,432		109,341	

(1) Shift to ETC includes current cash and non-West Virginia E-ZPass customers that are expected to shift to West Virginia E-Zpass or the PACC program as a result of the toll increases and related discount programs.



- Base Case - Current toll schedule
- Scenario A - 20% PC/30% CV increase, 10% WV E-ZPass discount
- Scenario B - 40% increase
- Scenario B2 - 40% increase, 25% WV E-ZPass discount
- Scenario C - 60% increase
- Scenario C2 - 60% increase, 25% WV E-ZPass discount
- Scenario D - 80% increase
- Scenario D2 - 80% increase, 25% WV E-ZPass discount

FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF TOLLING ALTERNATIVES

Estimates of yearly operating expenses, renewal and replacement requirements (R&R), and essential deferred maintenance and capital needs were provided by the Authority's General Engineering Consultant. These revenue needs were used with the annual debt service requirements from the Official Statement dated June 25, 2008 provided by the Authority to assess how each toll scenario's projected annual revenue stream would perform against the total needs of the Authority. A summary of the needs is shown in Table 4-7.

Debt coverage assessments were performed for each scenario and are shown in Appendix A of this report. A coverage ratio test was performed for three conditions; one which only considers the debt service obligations after operating expenses (ratio test 1), a second which considers debt service requirements and renewal and replacement requirements (ratio test 2), and a third that also includes the essential deferred maintenance and capital needs (ratio test 3). Based on this debt service and needs coverage assessment, only the toll increase Scenarios C, C1, C2 and D, D1, D2 would provide sufficient revenue to meet the total annual needs (ratio test 3) of the Authority. The Base Case scenario and Scenarios A, B, B1, and B2 would not provide sufficient annual toll revenue to meet the total needs of the Authority. The Base Case scenario would also fail to meet the requirements of ratio test 2, which requires a ratio of 1.0 or greater.

Table 4-8 provides a summary comparison of the toll revenue and total revenue needs for each scenario. Net Turnpike revenue for each scenario is shown which represents total gross toll revenue minus operating expenses. Operating expenses are the same for each toll scenario. Also shown are the total combined requirements of debt service, R&R, and essential deferred maintenance and capital needs for the Base Case and toll increase scenarios. Net Turnpike revenue values shown in red text and italicized indicate insufficient revenues to meet total debt service, R&R, and essential deferred maintenance and capital needs. Scenarios (C, C1, C2, D, D1, & D2) which display net Turnpike revenue in unitalicized black text would be expected to meet the total revenue needs of the Turnpike.

Among those scenarios (Scenarios C, C1, C2, D, D1, and D2) that are estimated to produce enough annual revenue to meet the total needs of the Authority, Scenario C2 provides for the smallest toll increase in combination with the largest toll discount for West Virginia EZ-Pass customers. Table 4-9 presents the full toll schedule (for all vehicle classes) that would result under Scenario C2.

Table 4-7
Summary of Estimated Debt Service, Operating Expenses, Renewal and Replacement Requirements, and Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority

(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Operating Expense (1)	Total Debt Service (2)	Base Case (No Toll Increase)		Toll Increase Scenarios	
			Renewal and Replacement (1)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (1) (3)	Renewal and Replacement (1)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (1)
2010	\$33,003	\$10,389	\$11,743	-	\$8,743	\$20,010
2011	33,885	10,720	13,796	-	8,040	21,960
2012	34,797	10,401	15,994	-	7,837	24,036
2013	35,740	10,808	19,775	-	7,859	24,523
2014	36,666	10,458	23,714	-	8,482	24,817
2015	37,726	10,717	27,225	-	9,156	24,562
2016	38,720	10,769	31,874	-	9,151	25,544
2017	39,851	10,677	35,670	-	9,133	26,566
2018	40,971	10,719	39,618	-	9,099	27,924
2019	42,129	10,739	43,724	-	9,052	28,439

(1) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(2) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(3) Because there would be insufficient funds under the Base Case scenario to meet R&R requirements plus Operating Expenses and Debt Service, if there is no toll increase there would not be any funding for Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs. As a result, the R&R requirements would escalate significantly over time under the Base Case.

Table 4-8
Summary of Revenue versus Needs, FY 2010 through FY 2019
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Base Case (No Toll Increase)		Toll Increase Scenarios										
	Debt Service, R&R, and Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (1) (2)	Net Turnpike Toll Revenue (3)	Debt Service, R&R, and Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (1)	Net Turnpike Toll Revenue (3)									
				Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario B1	Scenario B2	Scenario C	Scenario C1	Scenario C2	Scenario D	Scenario D1	Scenario D2
2010	\$22,132	<i>\$20,265</i>	\$39,142	<i>\$29,736</i>	<i>\$36,146</i>	<i>\$35,203</i>	<i>\$34,510</i>	\$41,748	\$40,850	\$40,069	\$48,352	\$47,285	\$46,531
2011	24,516	<i>20,913</i>	40,720	<i>30,678</i>	<i>37,261</i>	<i>36,284</i>	<i>35,565</i>	43,019	42,089	41,280	49,825	48,719	47,938
2012	26,395	<i>22,090</i>	42,274	<i>32,250</i>	<i>39,073</i>	<i>38,050</i>	<i>37,298</i>	45,046	44,073	43,226	52,124	50,967	50,150
2013	30,583	<i>22,913</i>	43,190	<i>33,406</i>	<i>40,432</i>	<i>39,371</i>	<i>38,591</i>	46,587	45,578	44,699	53,894	52,694	51,847
2014	34,172	<i>23,537</i>	43,757	<i>34,327</i>	<i>41,530</i>	<i>40,433</i>	<i>39,628</i>	47,843	46,801	45,894	55,354	54,114	53,240
2015	37,942	<i>23,632</i>	44,435	<i>34,637</i>	<i>41,974</i>	<i>40,853</i>	<i>40,031</i>	48,406	47,342	46,415	56,065	54,799	53,906
2016	42,643	<i>23,816</i>	45,464	<i>35,040</i>	<i>42,514</i>	<i>41,369</i>	<i>40,528</i>	49,068	47,980	47,033	56,879	55,585	54,673
2017	46,347	<i>23,886</i>	46,376	<i>35,335</i>	<i>42,948</i>	<i>41,777</i>	<i>40,919</i>	49,626	48,514	47,547	57,592	56,269	55,337
2018	50,337	<i>23,927</i>	47,742	<i>35,594</i>	<i>43,341</i>	<i>42,147</i>	<i>41,270</i>	50,139	49,005	48,017	58,255	56,906	55,954
2019	54,463	<i>23,953</i>	48,230	<i>35,842</i>	<i>43,726</i>	<i>42,506</i>	<i>41,611</i>	50,646	49,488	48,480	58,915	57,537	56,566

NOTE: Revenue values shown in *red italics* indicate insufficient revenues to meet total Debt Service, R&R, and Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs for that year under that scenario.

(1) R&R and Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.
Debt Service from the Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(2) Because there would be insufficient funds under the Base Case scenario to meet R&R requirements plus Operating Expenses and Debt Service, if there is no toll increase there would not be any funding for Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs. As a result, the R&R requirements would escalate significantly over time under the Base Case.

(3) Net Turnpike Toll Revenue represents total toll revenue less Operating Expenses. Operating Expenses are the same under the Base Case and all toll increase scenarios.

Table 4-9
Full Toll Schedule Under Scenario C2
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority

Toll Class	Vehicle Type	Number of Axles	Barriers A, B, C		North Beckley	
			Base Toll	E-ZPass	Base Toll	E-ZPass
1	Passenger cars/pickup trucks (under 7' 6")	2	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$0.40	\$0.30
2	All Class 1 vehicles with a trailer (under 7' 6")	3+	2.50	1.88	0.80	0.60
3	Motorhomes Only (over 7' 6")	2-3	2.50	1.88	0.80	0.60
4	Class 3 vehicles with a trailer (over 7' 6")	3+	3.25	2.44	1.20	0.90
5	2-axle trucks	2	3.25	2.44	0.80	0.60
6	3-axle trucks	3	4.50	3.38	1.20	0.90
7	4-axle trucks	4	6.50	4.88	1.60	1.20
8	5-axle trucks	5	6.75	5.06	1.60	1.20
9	6-or-more-axle trucks	6+	9.50	7.13	2.40	1.80
10	Oversize trucks		12.00	9.00	7.20	5.40
PACC Rate (unchanged from existing rate)						
Quarterly Cost* per Mainline Barrier (A, B, C)			\$25.00	-	\$5.00	-
Passenger car only						

* Subscribers receive a 5 percent discount per mainline barrier when paying for an entire year upfront.

DISCLAIMER

Current accepted professional practices and procedures were used in the development of these traffic and revenue forecasts. However, as with any forecast of the future, it should be understood that there may be differences between forecasted and actual results caused by events and circumstances beyond the control of the forecasters. In formulating its forecasts, WSA has reasonably relied upon the accuracy and completeness of information provided (both written and oral) by the West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority and other state agencies. WSA also has relied upon the reasonable assurances of some independent parties and are not aware of any facts that would make such information misleading.

WSA has made qualitative judgments related to several key variables in the development and analysis of the traffic and revenue forecasts that must be considered as a whole; therefore selecting portions of any individual result without consideration of the intent of the whole may create a misleading or incomplete view of the results and the underlying methodologies used to obtain the results. WSA gives no opinion as to the value or merit to partial information extracted from this report.

All estimates and projections reported herein are based on WSA's experience and judgment and on a review of information obtained from state agencies, including the West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority. These estimates and projections may not be indicative of actual or future values, and are therefore subject to substantial uncertainty. Future developments cannot be predicted with certainty, and may affect the estimates or projections expressed in this report, such that WSA does not specifically guarantee or warrant any estimate or projections contained within this report.

While WSA believes that some of the projections or other forward-looking statements contained within the report are based on reasonable assumptions as of the date in the report, such forward looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from the results predicted. Therefore, following the date of this report, WSA will take no responsibility or assume any obligation to advise of changes that may affect its assumptions contained within the report, as they pertain to socioeconomic and demographic forecasts, and/or potential improvements to the regional transportation network.

Appendix A

Financial Assessment of Tolling Alternatives

Table A-1
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Base Case (Existing Toll Rates)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2) (6)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (7)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$53,268	\$33,003	\$20,265	\$10,389	1.95	\$11,743	0.92	-	0.92	-\$1,867
2011	54,798	33,885	20,913	10,720	1.95	13,796	0.85	-	0.85	-3,602
2012	56,887	34,797	22,090	10,401	2.12	15,994	0.84	-	0.84	-4,304
2013	58,653	35,740	22,913	10,808	2.12	19,775	0.75	-	0.75	-7,670
2014	60,203	36,666	23,537	10,458	2.25	23,714	0.69	-	0.69	-10,635
2015	61,358	37,726	23,632	10,717	2.21	27,225	0.62	-	0.62	-14,310
2016	62,536	38,720	23,816	10,769	2.21	31,874	0.56	-	0.56	-18,827
2017	63,737	39,851	23,886	10,677	2.24	35,670	0.52	-	0.52	-22,461
2018	64,898	40,971	23,927	10,719	2.23	39,618	0.48	-	0.48	-26,409
2019	66,082	42,129	23,953	10,739	2.23	43,724	0.44	-	0.44	-30,509

(1) Revenue is based on no toll increase.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) Because there would be insufficient funds under the Base Case scenario to meet R&R requirements plus Operating Expenses and Debt Service, if there is no toll increase there would not be any funding for Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs. As a result, the R&R requirements would escalate significantly over time under the Base Case.

(7) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).

Table A-2
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario A (20 percent car increase / 30 percent truck increase, 10 percent discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$62,739	\$33,003	\$29,736	\$10,389	2.86	\$8,743	1.55	\$20,010	0.76	-\$9,406
2011	64,563	33,885	30,678	10,720	2.86	8,040	1.64	21,960	0.75	-10,042
2012	67,047	34,797	32,250	10,401	3.10	7,837	1.77	24,036	0.76	-10,024
2013	69,146	35,740	33,406	10,808	3.09	7,859	1.79	24,523	0.77	-9,783
2014	70,993	36,666	34,327	10,458	3.28	8,482	1.81	24,817	0.78	-9,430
2015	72,363	37,726	34,637	10,717	3.23	9,156	1.74	24,562	0.78	-9,798
2016	73,760	38,720	35,040	10,769	3.25	9,151	1.76	25,544	0.77	-10,423
2017	75,186	39,851	35,335	10,677	3.31	9,133	1.78	26,566	0.76	-11,041
2018	76,565	40,971	35,594	10,719	3.32	9,099	1.80	27,924	0.75	-12,147
2019	77,971	42,129	35,842	10,739	3.34	9,052	1.81	28,439	0.74	-12,387

(1) Revenue is based on a 20 percent increase in passenger car tolls and a 30 percent increase in commercial vehicle tolls, with a 10 percent West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).

Table A-3
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario B (40 percent increase, no discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$69,149	\$33,003	\$36,146	\$10,389	3.48	\$8,743	1.89	\$20,010	0.92	-\$2,997
2011	71,146	33,885	37,261	10,720	3.48	8,040	1.99	21,960	0.92	-3,459
2012	73,870	34,797	39,073	10,401	3.76	7,837	2.14	24,036	0.92	-3,200
2013	76,172	35,740	40,432	10,808	3.74	7,859	2.17	24,523	0.94	-2,757
2014	78,196	36,666	41,530	10,458	3.97	8,482	2.19	24,817	0.95	-2,227
2015	79,700	37,726	41,974	10,717	3.92	9,156	2.11	24,562	0.94	-2,461
2016	81,234	38,720	42,514	10,769	3.95	9,151	2.13	25,544	0.94	-2,950
2017	82,799	39,851	42,948	10,677	4.02	9,133	2.17	26,566	0.93	-3,428
2018	84,312	40,971	43,341	10,719	4.04	9,099	2.19	27,924	0.91	-4,400
2019	85,855	42,129	43,726	10,739	4.07	9,052	2.21	28,439	0.91	-4,503

(1) Revenue is based on a 40 percent increase in passenger car tolls and no West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).

Table A-4
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario B1 (40 percent increase, 15 percent WV E-ZPass discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$68,206	\$33,003	\$35,203	\$10,389	3.39	\$8,743	1.84	\$20,010	0.90	-\$3,939
2011	70,169	33,885	36,284	10,720	3.38	8,040	1.93	21,960	0.89	-4,436
2012	72,847	34,797	38,050	10,401	3.66	7,837	2.09	24,036	0.90	-4,224
2013	75,111	35,740	39,371	10,808	3.64	7,859	2.11	24,523	0.91	-3,819
2014	77,099	36,666	40,433	10,458	3.87	8,482	2.13	24,817	0.92	-3,324
2015	78,579	37,726	40,853	10,717	3.81	9,156	2.06	24,562	0.92	-3,582
2016	80,089	38,720	41,369	10,769	3.84	9,151	2.08	25,544	0.91	-4,095
2017	81,628	39,851	41,777	10,677	3.91	9,133	2.11	26,566	0.90	-4,598
2018	83,118	40,971	42,147	10,719	3.93	9,099	2.13	27,924	0.88	-5,595
2019	84,635	42,129	42,506	10,739	3.96	9,052	2.15	28,439	0.88	-5,723

(1) Revenue is based on a 40 percent increase in passenger car tolls, with a 15 percent West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).

Table A-5
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario B2 (40 percent increase, 25 percent WV E-ZPass discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$67,513	\$33,003	\$34,510	\$10,389	3.32	\$8,743	1.80	\$20,010	0.88	-\$4,633
2011	69,450	33,885	35,565	10,720	3.32	8,040	1.90	21,960	0.87	-5,155
2012	72,095	34,797	37,298	10,401	3.59	7,837	2.05	24,036	0.88	-4,975
2013	74,331	35,740	38,591	10,808	3.57	7,859	2.07	24,523	0.89	-4,599
2014	76,294	36,666	39,628	10,458	3.79	8,482	2.09	24,817	0.91	-4,129
2015	77,757	37,726	40,031	10,717	3.74	9,156	2.01	24,562	0.90	-4,404
2016	79,248	38,720	40,528	10,769	3.76	9,151	2.03	25,544	0.89	-4,935
2017	80,770	39,851	40,919	10,677	3.83	9,133	2.07	26,566	0.88	-5,457
2018	82,241	40,971	41,270	10,719	3.85	9,099	2.08	27,924	0.86	-6,472
2019	83,740	42,129	41,611	10,739	3.87	9,052	2.10	28,439	0.86	-6,618

(1) Revenue is based on a 40 percent increase in passenger car tolls, with a 25 percent West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).

Table A-6
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario C (60 percent increase, no discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$74,751	\$33,003	\$41,748	\$10,389	4.02	\$8,743	2.18	\$20,010	1.07	\$2,605
2011	76,904	33,885	43,019	10,720	4.01	8,040	2.29	21,960	1.06	2,299
2012	79,843	34,797	45,046	10,401	4.33	7,837	2.47	24,036	1.07	2,772
2013	82,327	35,740	46,587	10,808	4.31	7,859	2.50	24,523	1.08	3,397
2014	84,509	36,666	47,843	10,458	4.57	8,482	2.53	24,817	1.09	4,086
2015	86,132	37,726	48,406	10,717	4.52	9,156	2.44	24,562	1.09	3,971
2016	87,788	38,720	49,068	10,769	4.56	9,151	2.46	25,544	1.08	3,604
2017	89,477	39,851	49,626	10,677	4.65	9,133	2.51	26,566	1.07	3,250
2018	91,110	40,971	50,139	10,719	4.68	9,099	2.53	27,924	1.05	2,398
2019	92,775	42,129	50,646	10,739	4.72	9,052	2.56	28,439	1.05	2,417

(1) Revenue is based on a 60 percent increase in passenger car tolls and no West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).

Table A-7
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario C1 (60 percent increase, 15 percent WV E-ZPass discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$73,853	\$33,003	\$40,850	\$10,389	3.93	\$8,743	2.14	\$20,010	1.04	\$1,708
2011	75,974	33,885	42,089	10,720	3.93	8,040	2.24	21,960	1.03	1,370
2012	78,870	34,797	44,073	10,401	4.24	7,837	2.42	24,036	1.04	1,799
2013	81,318	35,740	45,578	10,808	4.22	7,859	2.44	24,523	1.06	2,388
2014	83,467	36,666	46,801	10,458	4.48	8,482	2.47	24,817	1.07	3,044
2015	85,068	37,726	47,342	10,717	4.42	9,156	2.38	24,562	1.07	2,907
2016	86,700	38,720	47,980	10,769	4.46	9,151	2.41	25,544	1.06	2,517
2017	88,365	39,851	48,514	10,677	4.54	9,133	2.45	26,566	1.05	2,139
2018	89,976	40,971	49,005	10,719	4.57	9,099	2.47	27,924	1.03	1,263
2019	91,617	42,129	49,488	10,739	4.61	9,052	2.50	28,439	1.03	1,259

(1) Revenue is based on a 60 percent increase in passenger car tolls, with a 15 percent West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).

Table A-8
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario C2 (60 percent increase, 25 percent WV E-ZPass discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$73,072	\$33,003	\$40,069	\$10,389	3.86	\$8,743	2.09	\$20,010	1.02	\$927
2011	75,165	33,885	41,280	10,720	3.85	8,040	2.20	21,960	1.01	560
2012	78,023	34,797	43,226	10,401	4.16	7,837	2.37	24,036	1.02	952
2013	80,439	35,740	44,699	10,808	4.14	7,859	2.39	24,523	1.03	1,509
2014	82,560	36,666	45,894	10,458	4.39	8,482	2.42	24,817	1.05	2,137
2015	84,141	37,726	46,415	10,717	4.33	9,156	2.34	24,562	1.04	1,980
2016	85,753	38,720	47,033	10,769	4.37	9,151	2.36	25,544	1.03	1,569
2017	87,398	39,851	47,547	10,677	4.45	9,133	2.40	26,566	1.03	1,171
2018	88,988	40,971	48,017	10,719	4.48	9,099	2.42	27,924	1.01	275
2019	90,609	42,129	48,480	10,739	4.51	9,052	2.45	28,439	1.01	250

(1) Revenue is based on a 60 percent increase in passenger car tolls, with a 25 percent West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).

Table A-9
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario D (80 percent increase, no discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$81,355	\$33,003	\$48,352	\$10,389	4.65	\$8,743	2.53	\$20,010	1.24	\$9,209
2011	83,710	33,885	49,825	10,720	4.65	8,040	2.66	21,960	1.22	9,105
2012	86,921	34,797	52,124	10,401	5.01	7,837	2.86	24,036	1.23	9,850
2013	89,634	35,740	53,894	10,808	4.99	7,859	2.89	24,523	1.25	10,705
2014	92,020	36,666	55,354	10,458	5.29	8,482	2.92	24,817	1.27	11,597
2015	93,791	37,726	56,065	10,717	5.23	9,156	2.82	24,562	1.26	11,630
2016	95,599	38,720	56,879	10,769	5.28	9,151	2.86	25,544	1.25	11,415
2017	97,443	39,851	57,592	10,677	5.39	9,133	2.91	26,566	1.24	11,216
2018	99,226	40,971	58,255	10,719	5.44	9,099	2.94	27,924	1.22	10,514
2019	101,044	42,129	58,915	10,739	5.49	9,052	2.98	28,439	1.22	10,686

(1) Revenue is based on an 80 percent increase in passenger car tolls and no West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).

Table A-10
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario D1 (80 percent increase, 15 percent WV E-ZPass discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$80,288	\$33,003	\$47,285	\$10,389	4.55	\$8,743	2.47	\$20,010	1.21	\$8,142
2011	82,604	33,885	48,719	10,720	4.54	8,040	2.60	21,960	1.20	7,999
2012	85,764	34,797	50,967	10,401	4.90	7,837	2.79	24,036	1.21	8,693
2013	88,434	35,740	52,694	10,808	4.88	7,859	2.82	24,523	1.22	9,504
2014	90,780	36,666	54,114	10,458	5.17	8,482	2.86	24,817	1.24	10,357
2015	92,525	37,726	54,799	10,717	5.11	9,156	2.76	24,562	1.23	10,364
2016	94,305	38,720	55,585	10,769	5.16	9,151	2.79	25,544	1.22	10,121
2017	96,120	39,851	56,269	10,677	5.27	9,133	2.84	26,566	1.21	9,894
2018	97,877	40,971	56,906	10,719	5.31	9,099	2.87	27,924	1.19	9,164
2019	99,666	42,129	57,537	10,739	5.36	9,052	2.91	28,439	1.19	9,308

(1) Revenue is based on an 80 percent increase in passenger car tolls, with a 15 percent West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).

Table A-11
Debt Service Coverage and Net Revenue Analysis Under Scenario D2 (80 percent increase, 25 percent WV E-ZPass discount)
West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority
(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Toll Revenue (1)	Operating Expense (2)	Net Turnpike Revenue	Total Debt Service (3)	Debt Coverage Ratio Test (4)	Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Requirement (2)	Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio Test (5)	Essential Deferred Maintenance and Capital Needs (2)	All Obligations Coverage Ratio Test (6)	Remaining Net Revenue
2010	\$79,534	\$33,003	\$46,531	\$10,389	4.48	\$8,743	2.43	\$20,010	1.19	\$7,389
2011	81,823	33,885	47,938	10,720	4.47	8,040	2.56	21,960	1.18	7,218
2012	84,947	34,797	50,150	10,401	4.82	7,837	2.75	24,036	1.19	7,876
2013	87,587	35,740	51,847	10,808	4.80	7,859	2.78	24,523	1.20	8,657
2014	89,906	36,666	53,240	10,458	5.09	8,482	2.81	24,817	1.22	9,483
2015	91,632	37,726	53,906	10,717	5.03	9,156	2.71	24,562	1.21	9,471
2016	93,393	38,720	54,673	10,769	5.08	9,151	2.74	25,544	1.20	9,209
2017	95,188	39,851	55,337	10,677	5.18	9,133	2.79	26,566	1.19	8,962
2018	96,925	40,971	55,954	10,719	5.22	9,099	2.82	27,924	1.17	8,213
2019	98,695	42,129	56,566	10,739	5.27	9,052	2.86	28,439	1.17	8,337

(1) Revenue is based on an 80 percent increase in passenger car tolls, with a 25 percent West Virginia E-ZPass discount.

(2) Estimates from Consulting Engineer's Report, HNTB for West Virginia Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority, April 2009.

(3) Debt Service from Official Statement dated June 25, 2008.

(4) Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ Total Debt Service.

(5) Debt and R&R Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement).

(6) All Obligations Coverage Ratio = Net Turnpike Revenue ÷ (Total Debt Service + R&R Requirement + Backlog of Essential Needs).